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FEVERED WAR ACTIVITY IN NINE PROVINCES

Impossible To Tell Where Japan's Army Will Land Next Blow

Terrible Tale Of Fall Of Chinese Capital

REFUGEES ABREADY EVACUATING KWANGTUNG; SOME GOING ABROAD

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

A deadly military chess game is being played by the Chinese and Japanese armies as the opposing forces manoeuvre their war machines for impending big battles. As the pace of the real-life war game quickens, foreign and Chinese observers are finding the strategy of the rival forces a matter for great speculation. While both sides rush men, ammunition and supplies to the war zones, observers are finding difficulty in naming the definite points where the Japanese army will strike.

There are nine provinces where feverish manoeuvring is taking place: Kiangsi, Kiangsu, Chekiang, Shantung, Hunan, Hupeh, Anhwei, Fukien and Kwangtung.

Meanwhile driving northward along two routes, Japanese army units, according to Chinese reports, seem to be making a bold bid for Hsuechow in northern Kiangsu, which is located on the Tientsin-Pukow railway close to the Shantung border. This ambitious move is said to be developing slowly, enabling the Japanese to march into Shantung from the south and to aid in completing the link which the Japanese military leaders claim will stretch in an unbroken line from Peking to Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

Tells Of Battle For Nanking

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

An awe-inspiring spectacle of terrible futility was seen from the roof of the Italian Embassy on the afternoon of December 12 when the Chinese defence at Nanking collapsed, says Mr. L. S. Smith, *Reuter's* special correspondent, who returned to Shanghai aboard H.M.S. *Ladybird*, yesterday after covering the siege of Nanking from beginning to end.

Mr. Smith revealed that the Purple Mountain, a well-known landmark north of the city, was blazing as bursting shells set fire to trees on its summit. To the south three great fires sent towering columns of smoke to the sky, while Nanking vibrated with the impact of shells crashing on the waterworks hill west of the city where Chinese batteries vigorously replied. Two Japanese balloons directed the Japanese fire.

A sudden change in the situation occurred at 4.30 p.m. when panic was observed among the Chinese civilians who were seen diving into dugouts and crying out: "The Japanese are in the city." Chinese troops were then seen pouring northwards towards the waterfront. Some were well disciplined, other were throwing their arms away, but all were hurrying. Almost an entire division streamed past the American Embassy and reached a point not far beyond when scattered shots were heard. Then the troops came back reluctantly, the better-trained men of the 88th Division having forced their return.

Retreat Resumed

Soon the retreat was resumed with the support of other divisions of interior-provincial troops. The Chungshan Road, a main artery leading to the waterfront, was a solid mass of retreating troops and pack animals with guns, many men shedding equipment of grenades, rifles, ammunition (Continued on Page 11.)

JAPANESE ADMIT REVERSES Forced To Retire In Shansi Thousands Of Men Withdrawn

Peiping, Dec. 18.

Close observers of the Sino-Japanese conflict believe that Hankow need not fear immediate attack through the Peiping-Hankow railway, as the Japanese have not advanced beyond Changteh in north Honan, where they have been at a standstill for several weeks, while in Shansi a withdrawal is admitted. The Japanese troops there at present are on the defensive 30 miles south of Taiyuanfu, and a Japanese spokesman admitted that the forces were insufficient to take the southern half of the province.

Attacks on the railways to points within 20 miles of Peiping are frequent, but it is believed impossible that the Japanese will drive even as far as the Yellow River on the Peiping-Hankow line without leaving the right flank seriously exposed. The Chinese have destroyed 20 miles of railway south of Changteh, and the fact that 75,000 Japanese troops have been withdrawn from North China during the past two months is taken to indicate that no big southern drive is at present envisaged.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE HUNTING SAFETY

Stowaways Crowd
H.K. Ships' Holds

Fearing that Japanese operations will spread to South China, hundreds of Chinese refugees are evacuating already.

Of 1,000 passengers brought to Hongkong from Canton by the river ferry *Fatshan* yesterday, over 200 are said to have booked passages for other countries. Approximately 400 of the *Fatshan* passengers were refugees from Hankow.

Immigration laws in the Philippines, Straits Settlements and elsewhere in the Far East are preventing the exodus from Hongkong becoming general. Knowing the horrors of unemployment, famine and aerial bombardment, from which many refugees do not believe Hongkong is safe, hundreds of Chinese are stowing away at this port in an effort to reach centres more remote from the scene of conflict.

Last month more than 100 Chinese stowaways were discovered by Singapore immigration officers.

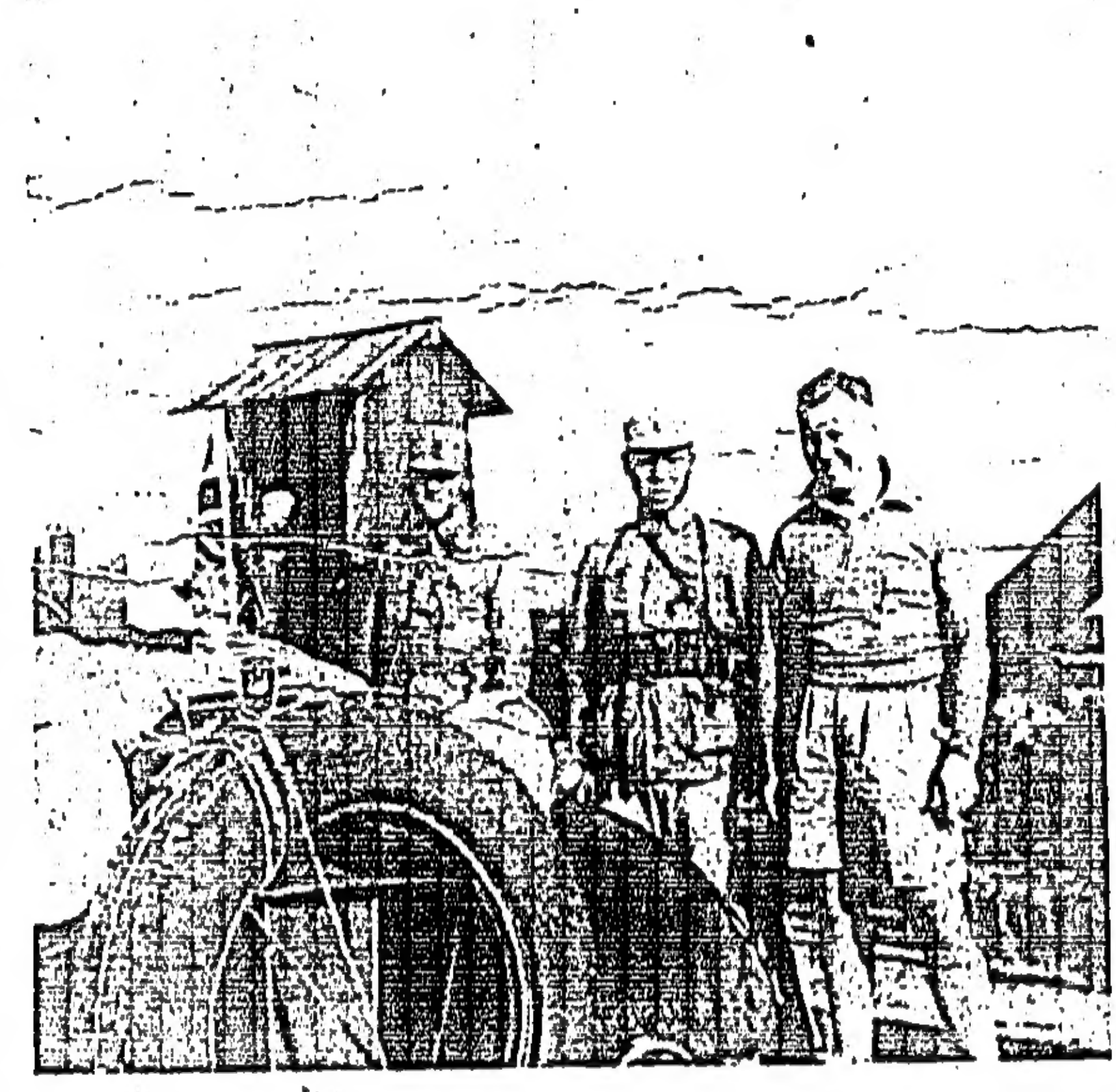
Throwing open the hatches of one ship which arrived in Singapore from Hongkong recently, immigration officers, carrying torches, searched the holds and found a batch of 80 stowaways. They were all nearly overcome by the rigours of the journey, deep down among a cargo of dried fish, cheese, fruit and vegetables.

Legitimate entry into Singapore has been rendered more difficult by a recent announcement that the Chinese monthly immigration quota is to be reduced from 6,000 to 3,000 from January 1. The Straits Government has been forced to make this reduction through the marked falling off in the number of Chinese returning to China since the beginning of hostilities.

Formerly, quota ships brought more than 1,200 Chinese a week back to Hongkong and China, but since the war they are only bringing a few hundred.

Dr. Koo Warns Powers Against Japan

MADE DANGEROUS TRIP



Mr. A. W. Martin of Hongkong recently drove from Shanghai to Nanking and back and in the story below relates the adventures of the trip. Twice he lay flat in paddyfields to escape Japanese airmen.

H. K. MAN TELLS OF DANGEROUS NANKING DRIVE

Japanese Planes Drop Out Of Clouds Upon Nervous Motorists

Mr. A. W. Martin, Gestetner's manager here, was recently obliged to make the risky journey to Nanking from Shanghai by motor car in order to remove valuable stock belonging to his company from the path of the war in China's capital. He was in Nanking just before the siege commenced.

Yesterday, just back in Hongkong, he told his story to a *Hongkong Telegraph* representative.

"We ran the gauntlet through the Sino-Japanese war areas," he said. "We had a lot of stock up there and it was necessary for me to get it out. We started out at night, my driver and I, but were stopped at the gates of the French Concession and told the journey was 'much too dangerous' and that there was shooting on the road. This, of course, was true, but actually they wanted the highway clear for Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, who was going through that night."

"We argued about it until 3 a.m. and then I wandered about until 5 a.m., and finally got through. For the first 30 miles we travelled in total darkness and at dawn were crossing a ferry."

"The first 100 miles were terrible. The most ghastly road you could imagine, all covered with flints that played havoc with my tyres which seemed all right when we started but were really perished. Nevertheless we made good progress all morning, hardly stopping to eat. We had the hood down to watch the sky for raiding Japanese airmen which had been constantly machine-gunning automobiles on the highway."

Planes Roar Down

"Sure enough, they came at us out of the clouds and roared down almost before we could realise they were actually heading for us. We had been watching so carefully, and were arguing as to whether we had taken the right turning, and had slowed to ask a coolie on the roadside. He pointed to the sky, and ran into a paddyfield. We realised the danger, looked up and there they were—two Japanese machines diving on us. "I did not even stop the engine. (Continued on Page 11.)"

MAY CARRY WAR TO NEW FIELDS

Hopes U.S. Will Join Britain and France To Safeguard Peace

Paris, Dec. 17.

Dr. Wellington Koo, principal Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, addressing the Academy of Diplomacy to-day asked: "Will Europe and America always refrain from acting?" when he historically reviewed the Japanese advances since 1931.

He said that to all appearances the Powers had become silent spectators of a drama which may not only affect China, but vitally modify the future world.

"If Japan ever controls China's tremendous manpower and natural wealth, she will not hesitate to carry arms to other countries," exclaimed Dr. Koo.

The Sino-Japanese conflict was really a test of the solidarity of the forces for peace against those of aggression. He hoped that Franco-British co-operation would develop a world-wide collective peace through the accession of a great democracy across the Atlantic.—*Reuter*.

PLAN TO PROTECT INTERESTS

Admiral Suggests
Tri-Party Scheme

London, Dec. 17.

The creation of a joint advisory council on Far Eastern affairs in which Britain, the United States and France would be equally represented, is advocated by Vice-Admiral C. V. Usborne in an article in the periodical *Great Britain and The East*.

Vice-Admiral Usborne declares that Anglo-American co-operation failed in 1931 and 1932 owing to each fearing being involved in a struggle from which the other had withdrawn. Therefore a new method of co-operation should be introduced. A tripartite council should study to defend the joint interests of all the three Powers, and the representatives on this council should be instructed to consider their joint interests and only recommend such action as was necessary to safeguard them.

"Who can doubt that the insistence of rights by the three great democracies, supported by combined armed forces, would meet with a speedy agreement? Such a combination would not go further than the maintenance of existing rights to solve the problem of the moment," concludes the article.—*Reuter*.

Inspecting Navy Bases

Lord Of Admiralty
Making Tour

London, Dec. 17.

Colonel J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, will shortly inspect naval establishments in the East, combined with a visit to Australia as the principal delegate of the Empire Parliamentary Association at the 16th anniversary celebrations of New South Wales.

Colonel Llewellyn will sail from Toulon by the steamer *Oronsay* on December 24 and will call at Aden on January 2, and at Colombo on January 8, where he will inspect naval establishments. He arrives in Fremantle on January 10 and in Sydney on January 25. He is due to leave Sydney on February 4, arrive in Singapore on February 9, where he will inspect the dockyard and naval establishments, and will return to England by air on February 10, calling at Rangoon, Calcutta, Delhi and Alexandria.—*Reuter*.

Eight New Flying Boats For Empire

London, Dec. 17.

Imperial Airways has ordered eight big, four-engined, all-metal flying boats from aeroplane manufacturers at Rochester, Kent. They will be the same type and also as the famous *Empire* flying boats, but there will be differences in detail as a result of experience gained. The new machines are ordered to cope with the ever-growing traffic on the Empire routes.—*Reuter*.

British Crew Strikes

Liner Sails Without
Passengers

New York, Dec. 17.

The liner *Queen of Bermuda* sailed from New York to-day without her 500 passengers and with a skeleton crew, owing to a walk-out by 350 members of the crew, who protested against the recent dismissal of 72 of their comrades, and the refusal of the employers to recognise the men's Union.—*Reuter*.

Boycott Pressed

London, Dec. 17.

Society women, novelists, students and clergymen took part in an anti-Japanese poster parade in crowded Oxford Street this afternoon.

The demonstrators paraded with sandwich boards bearing the slogans "Buy No Japanese Goods And Help To Stop Japan's Aggression". Thousands of slips bearing the words "Don't Buy Japanese Goods" were distributed to Christmas shoppers.—*Reuter*.

Press For Damages

London, Dec. 17.

At a meeting in London of the China Lulian Committee of the Federation of British Industries, including representatives of the China (Continued on Page 11.)

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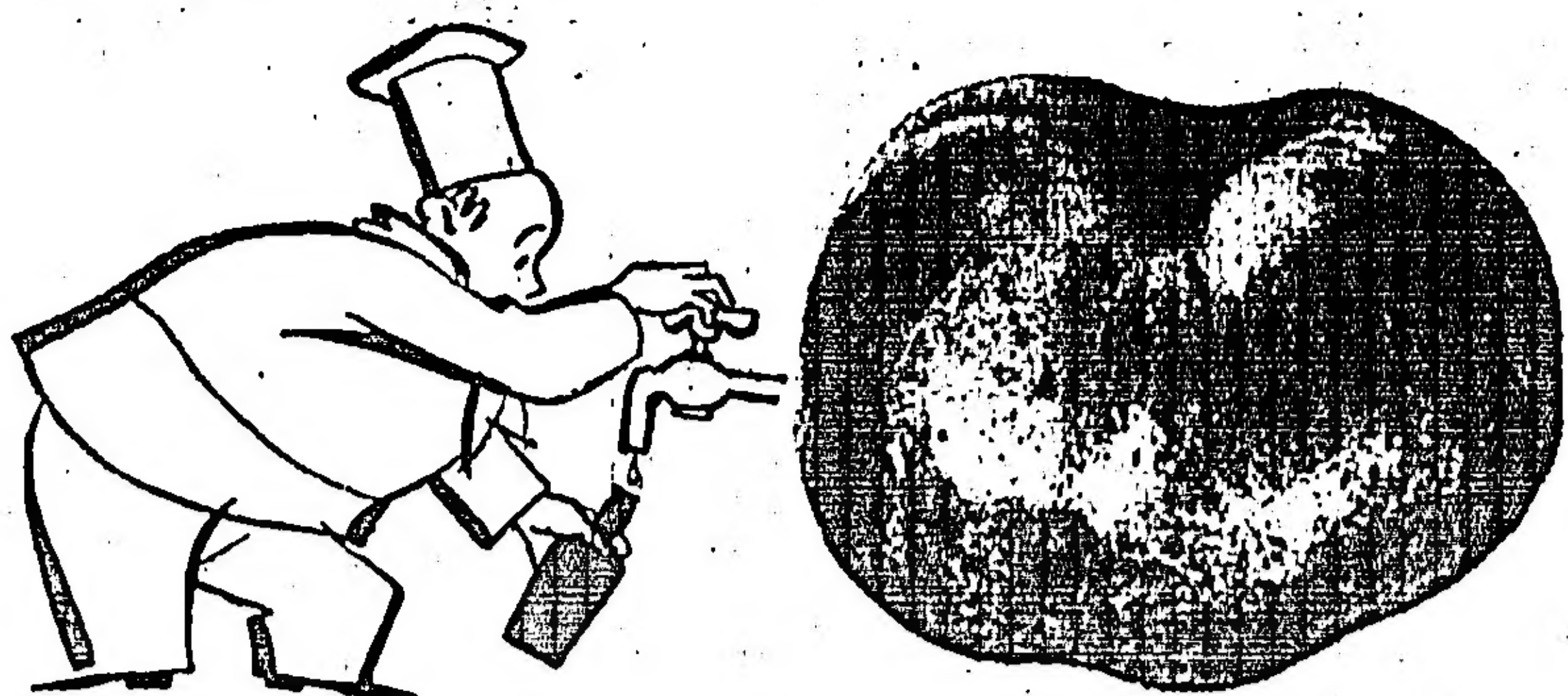
A high tribute to the courage of officers and men of the Royal Navy involved in the recent Yangtze bombing incidents has been paid by Admiral Harry Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet.

A signal addressed to Admiral Sir Charles Little, the British Commander-in-Chief, was personally delivered to the Senior Naval Officer in Shanghai and received in Hongkong to-day.

The message expresses "the deep appreciation of myself and the personnel under my command for the prompt and courageous assistance rendered to the personnel of the U.S.S. *Panay*."

"The British naval officers with unselfish disregard for their own safety proceeded immediately to the scene of the bombing and in the face of threatened force and armed opposition, rendered all possible aid until all Americans were out of danger."

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LESSON FROM HOME PAGE COOK ON

How to make APPLE WINE

O H, good morning, Mrs. Wimblestraw. Fancy meeting you here!

We haven't met for ages, have we? Yes, hasn't it been nice? No, I mean, isn't it delightful to see each other after such a long time?

You have such a lot of questions to ask me, have you? And you don't know where to start? So long as you know where to stop, my dear Mrs. Wimblestraw, fire away.

Cider is Complicated

YOU have got a lot of wind-fall apples, and you want to know if you can make cider of them. You cannot, unless you like to turn half the house into a cider factory. I am tired of seeing recipes for so-called cider.

To make cider you want, first of all, a cider press. Have you got one? No, I thought you hadn't.

So take my advice, and make some apple wine. This is a very pleasant, refreshing drink, but, when giving it to your friends, please don't tell them that it is cider. Some of them might know different and would say that you were an old fraud.

For each gallon of water slice up

Baking Soda Uses

WHEN stewing acid fruits add a quarter of a teaspoonful of baking-soda to every pound of fruit. Only two-thirds of the amount of sugar normally used is then required. Add it during the last five or ten minutes of cooking.

If a pinch of baking-soda is added to an egg white before whisking it will come up better. A pinch can also be added to whole eggs required for cakes and puddings and to baked milk puddings such as rice and tapioca. It makes them creamier, but it must not be more than a pinch or it may taste the pudding.

Baking-soda and cream of tartar can be substituted for baking-powder in any recipe. For every teaspoonful of baking-powder use a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a small half teaspoonful of baking-soda.

For ginger-bread, cakes and puddings containing syrup, or treacle, baking-soda alone will raise them.

There is an advantage in using baking-soda, and cream of tartar (if necessary), when cakes or puddings cannot all be cooked at once. Baking-powder begins to act at once in a moist mixture, but when the two ingredients making it up are added separately the mixture can be left for a little time before it is cooked. Remember this when you come to make Christmas puddings.

W. B.

can just cover them with cold water and then proceed to make a jelly as recommended for the apples. But the lemon juice can be left out.

Don't be Disappointed

YOU are a disappointed woman? About wine? Well, of course, that can be an extremely grave disappointment.

You made some wine last year strictly according to one of my recipes, and find it very much below expectations.

To whisper the truth to you, my dear lady, I have done the same thing myself before now.

This brings me to a point which I have been wanting to make for a long time. That is, that wine is not the same as steak-and-kidney pudding.

In the case of the latter, if the ingredients are good, and the right instructions are carefully followed, you ought to get an excellent steak-and-kidney pudding every time.

But if you asked the most skillful maker of home-made wines in England (whoever she or he may be) if the wines had ever turned out a failure, the answer would be "Yes." Unless, of course, the person were telling fibs.

Accidents of weather, sudden changes of temperature and other factors may affect a wine while it is actually in the making.

If the odd jar happens to have gone sour, don't waste more money on sugar in trying to take it back again. It is only a waste of time as well.

On the other hand, if the wine has only turned a little sharp, you can carefully draw it off the grounds, bottle it, and add sugar candy and split raisins. Allow half a pound of candy to each gallon, and put three or four split raisins into each bottle.

The last part of their drying should be done by inverting the bottles on the rack above the stove.

If you prefer Jelly

BUT you don't want to use all your apples for wine? How strange. Then try this jelly. Cut up the apples without peeling or coring. Simmer them to a pulp in a preserving pan with enough water to cover them. Strain through a jelly bag. Be patient; don't try to press any juice out.

To each pint of juice add a pound of loaf sugar and a squeeze of lemon juice. Boil fast, skimming frequently until the jelly sets.

Turning to Medlars

YOU have some delicious medlars, have you, and don't know what to do with them? When they are perfectly ripe, you

No need to Worry

YOU have some more wine which is a little cloudy, have you? Well, there is nothing very terrifying about that. As it has not long been bottled, it may easily clear down in the bottle, if you will only leave the bottles alone for a little while, and hide them away from Mr. Wimblestraw.

You say that it tastes all right, so even if it does not clear thoroughly, drink and enjoy it just the same.

Can I give you any more recipes for wines? Well, another day, perhaps, dear Mrs. Wimblestraw, another day. I mean, talking of wine, just look at the clock.

Home Page Cook

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When and How To Be Frank

TWO women between whom there had begun to develop a deep friendship, suddenly parted and, on my expressing surprise about the position to one of them, she vouchsafed an explanation. "She was mortally offended because I told her that her laughter sounded harsh," she told me.

Knowing the speaker I understood that nothing was further from her remark than "cattiness." She had genuinely admired her former, short-period friend, and consequently, she had broached the subject of the harsh laughter so that the friend might correct the defect.

A Delicate Point

The question of frankness is one of the most delicate points of contact between human beings. It is so easy, if not actually to antagonise anyone by one remark, at least to start a little wound which is easily aggravated by some other. Most men and women are sensitive, some excessively so. It is all very well to assert jocularly the old adage about sticks and stones. Some people are as forcibly hurt by words as by sticks.

A woman who happens to be exaggeratedly "straight," expressed the opinion that she did not see why she should "play up to" people. She said she wants to be frank, and that's all there is to it; why should she restrain her opinions?

Here is the typical outlook of the people who go in deliberately for being frank. Such people consider it a matter of breach of their convictions to be anything else.

People, however, have a right to expect, to a certain extent, the kind of treatment that best appeals to their temperaments, just as they have the right to be called by some particular name they have selected for themselves, and just as, when they are the guests of anyone, their hosts will do her best to consider their special tastes and requirements.

Without becoming unduly sentimental, charm and goodwill do make

life more pleasant. Most of us enjoy making our friends physically comfortable and happy, so why should we not employ this principle to make them mentally happy, too?

There are some people, of course, who are so constituted that they do not object to derogatory remarks. With them, contact is plain sailing. We can give free rein to our thoughts, but with those who are apt to feel hurt, a milder approach is called for.

Gliding the Pill

Then, again, there is the question of the manner in which we utter an unlooked opinion. That we know, has a great deal to do with its reception. It is sometimes possible for the same remark to be taken either in good or in bad part, according to whether it is delivered in a spirit of gentle suggestion or in one of dogmatism.

Another thing I have noticed is that some people are only sensitive about certain things. They may be quite capable of taking destructive criticism about their looks, say, yet they may be deeply wounded by an attack, however mild, on their sense of humour. Still on the principle of meeting out to people the treatment they prefer, the right course here is, obviously, to keep clear of those points about which they feel keenly.

A Reforming Instinct

Many people are frank from a desire to reform. The reforming instinct, incidentally, is quite a powerful one in human nature. Unfortunately, it is not one which is welcomed. The major part of humanity hates being bludgeoned into righteousness. It is a much wiser course to leave reforming and correction to those officially engaged in it.

A curious fact about reform fans is that they hate their own medicine. They prescribe it freely for others, but just attempt to give them some of it! No, correction is not always a pleasant potion.

Frankness is a thing about which we have to use our judgment. We have to consider the subject, the matter, and the manner, then act, or rather speak, accordingly.

Roma Lobel

COAL ECONOMIES

IT pays in the long run to have the most modern and economical grates fitted in all your rooms if your grates are rather old-fashioned and this has not already been done. If this is beyond your means, however, there are other ways of saving coal which entail no outlay.

To begin with, there is that slack which accumulates so quickly in the cellar and which deadens a fire when it is shovelled on mixed up with the coal. It is so often done by economically-minded persons.

It will not detract from the heat of your fire at all, though, if it is used skillfully. Mix it in a corner of the cellar with some water until it is a wet mass, and fill a spare bucket with it. Keep it handy, and place a shovelful of the mixture two or three times daily on the back of your open grate fires whenever they are burning well.

Heat at the back of a fire, particularly at the base, is not needed like it is at the sides and the front, and half of it, anyhow, is wasted up the chimney, so you will not feel its loss while the mixture is slowly burning through.

It will cake well if you do not allow it to get too dry, and if you ram it down hard. Use discretion in the amount you put on at one time, and it will not be long before the flames at the front are licking all over the top of it and sending a good heat out into the room.

Have you ever considered that you can practically quarter your coal bill by religiously sifting the ashes every day to save cinders? A filthy job?—yes! when done in the ordinary way, and that is why those who cannot bear to waste anything, ever bother to do it.

It can be done without one being smothered with dust, though, with a sifter and a large piece of old sheeting which can be kept for the purpose.

Before commencing to sift the ashes over the dust-bin, cover the sifter with the sheeting. If large enough, you will find that it not only covers the sifter but falls naturally all round the outside of the dustbin

CHICKEN LORE

IF you wish to keep an uncooked chicken and do not know if it is perfectly fresh, you can keep it in condition until ready to use by placing an unpeeled onion inside it. Renew the onion after three days, and replace with a fresh one, should you require to keep the chicken that long.

Should you have to pluck a chicken, you will find the feathers come away much more readily if the bird is dipped in and out of hot water. But this must not be done if the bird is not to be cooked at once.

Where the age of a "chick" is doubtful, to make certain it will turn out tender, partly boil for about one hour before roasting. When finishing off in the oven, affix with a skewer a piece of fat on the top.

Delicacy of flavour, the small-boned, short-legged bird is best, provided its span of days has been brief. This you can always ascertain by plucking once or twice at the skin beneath the wing. It is does not tear readily. Fowl would better describe it, and it must be dealt with as a fowl to make the most of it.

When cooked chicken is put away in the larder, care should be taken, for it is likely to get hard soon. To avoid this the bird should be put on a clean dish, wrapped in a cloth, then placed in the coolest part of the larder, where it will keep beautifully fresh and tender to the last.

Finally, a good value-for-money test to apply to chickens is to look for one with thin skin and pliable breastbone. The toes, also, should be pliable.

Ivie P. Holden

as you shake the sifter over it. The dust can thus escape nowhere but into the bin.

The cinders saved in this way can be mixed very judiciously with the coal so that the fire is never appreciably deduced.

R. R.

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City Clerks Fight For Charter

TOO MANY BEARS IN ENGLAND

THERE are too many bears in England. The Zoo has over 30 in London and Whipsnade and cannot even give any of them away.

When Mr. Gerald Iles, manager of the zoo at Belle Vue, Manchester, visited Regent's Park the other day he was offered some bears—as a gift.

He declined them. Belle Vue has all the bears it wants.

The two young Wrangel Island bears recently acquired from Moscow are still in the sanatorium.

A home for them in which the public could see them cannot be found in any enclosure which is safe for bears.

FERCE WHEN ANGRY

Bears can be exceedingly disagreeable with other bears and are ferce fighters when roused.

At first it was hoped to place the latest arrivals with the four little Russian bears at present in the sanatorium, who were shown (but not played with for long!) in Pets' Corner.

This idea has wisely been abandoned as care has to be exercised in providing a home for young bears.

They are strong, mischievous, destructive, and, if stirred by curiosity, will probably try to break out. Thus, a temporary home is apt to be too temporary to be safe. The public will therefore have to wait patiently till the housing problem is solved before the Wrangel bears are on view.



Kay Stammers, British tennis player, is seen examining the result of her screen tests at Hollywood. In spite of tests Miss Stammers has denied that she will leave the tennis court for the motion picture field.

DRESSING LIKE FILM STARS ON 45/- A WEEK

(By Jan MacKay)

Startling disclosures of the wages of City clerks and the conditions under which some of them have to work in "underground dens" were made last month.

The occasion was the opening meeting of a campaign to establish an office workers' charter.

Mr. George Ridley, M.P., himself a railway clerks' representative, contrasted the good conditions which the railway unions had won for their members with the shameful conditions of many men and women in outside commercial business.

"There are," he said, "in this country wooden offices, underground offices, badly ventilated, badly furnished and hideous in which hundreds of men and women are gasping their lives out to an early grave." He referred to the brutal and contemptuous way in which rationalisation was throwing thousands of clerks on to the scrap heap and to the queues of blackcoated workers outside the employment exchanges.

WOMEN: PAY AND DRESS

Miss Ann Godwin, Women Clerks Association, said there were thousands of girls in a great city like London trying to live on 35s. a week.

"How they do it God only knows," she went on, "but when they get as much as 45s. a week they are expected to dress like Marlene Dietrich." Miss Godwin announced that a trade union deputation met the Minister of Labour (Mr. Brown) in the morning to urge him to abolish fee-charging private employment agencies.

They gave him evidence that some clerks were charged as much as 10 per cent. of their year's salary in return for a job.

Mr. Brown, however, she declared, refused to act and stated quite definitely that in his opinion these agencies were a quite legitimate form of private enterprise.

PRE-WAR SNOBBERY

Mr. H. H. Elvin, chairman of the Trades Union Congress, and secretary of the National Union of Clerks, said that before the war the failure of clerical workers to organise was due to snobbery.

Apathy to-day was due to lack of knowledge of what organisation could do for them.

Trade union action had more than

double clerks' salaries since pre-war days.

Fear of victimisation kept many clerks out of their unions.

He announced that steps were being taken to bring the National Union of Clerks and the Women Clerks' Association into closer contact—a hint that the two organisations are to be united.

20-Year Sentence On Girl To Stand

Richmond, Va., Nov. 19.

Twenty-three-year-old Edith Maxwell, school-teacher, jailed twenty years for murdering her father, to-day had her application for a third trial rejected by the Supreme Court of Appeals. Miss Maxwell stayed out late with a boy friend one summer evening, and when she returned to her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains her "hill-billy" father tried to beat her for breaking the "Mountain Code."

She struck him on the head with a high-heeled shoe, and he died some hours later.

Though evidence was given that Trigg Maxwell was drunk and threatened to kill his wife as well as punish his daughter, a jury of hill-men found her guilty of first degree murder. She was sentenced to twenty-five years.

At a second trial, Miss Maxwell was found guilty of second degree murder, sentenced to twenty years.—United Press.

HOW DO YOU BREATHE?

(Be Careful of Your Answer)

Where do you breathe? According to whether you draw your breath from above or below your waist line you are more or less of a thinker or shrinker.

This claim is made by Mr. M. E. J. Semadeni, a London scientist who has invented a robot recorder of human reactions through breathing.

Says Mr. Semadeni: "The more any one tries to hide, the more he reveals. Breathing is an involuntary action and cannot be disguised, as tone of voice and facial expression can."

The robot has already been used to discover the cause and cure of disagreement between husbands and wives, engaged couples, relatives, and people working together in business.

It is a large and complicated piece of machinery with certain slight resemblances to a hand-dresser's permanent wave. Its scientific name is "pneumograph," because it makes a graphic record of the breathing of those it contacts.

GRAPHS TELL

The "victim" lies on his back and the robot touches him with sensitive "fingers," lightly at three different points. As the subject breathes he automatically moves the robot's "fingers," which cause three pencils

to trace three graphs, red, blue and green on a long roll of paper.

Chest breathing shows emotion; abdominal breathing reason. The diaphragm strikes the balance between the two.

Unless colour reactions are required, the subject of an experiment is blindfolded so that he may be quite unaware of, and unprepared for, what is going to happen.

For the first few minutes nothing does happen; he breathes normally and his "basic type" is established by the relentless tracing of the coloured pencils.

Then comes the application of "stimuli."

Paper is rustled close to the breather's ear, hands are suddenly clapped, something is dropped, a cold finger is laid on his neck, a motor horn is sounded violently, an abrupt personal question is put...

And the red, green and blue lines on his chart begin to assume strange mountainous shapes.

Of the hundreds of graphs the robot has already traced no two are exactly alike, although the same "stimuli" are applied in all cases and in the same order.



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NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Dec. 17.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

There is a feeling of holiday cheerfulness on the market and a decline in steel production is expected, with Youngstown production down about 12 points. Mercantile shares ignored the improvement in Christmas retail buying of from four to ten per cent. over the whole week plus indications of lowered inventories in many big shops. Motor shares reflected the dip in auto production, while rails reflected the recent low car-loading figures.

Bonds were irregular, with Government issues higher. Curb stocks were irregularly lower and the market was dull.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market drifts narrowly, maintaining a firm tone and the outlook is unchanged. Bank clearings for the week were off by 24%.

Cotton: The reaction to a day's attributed to hedging against a moderate increase in spot sales. Forwardings to mills totalled 212,000 bales.

Wheat: The possibility of a heavy carry-over here, if exports should fail to improve, causes hesitancy on the part of buyers on any advances, pending further export developments. Pressure from the Southern Hemisphere is expected to increase soon, with its quality probably a large factor in our export position.

Corn: The market was quiet and demand was slack, with exports lighter.

Rubber: The market is quiet and the position is unchanged.

Sugar: The market is stagnant.

Wall Street Journal morning comment:

The "Journal" says that investors bought substantially yesterday.

Brokers have reported some European buying, including copper shares and second-grade railroad bonds.

Radio distributors report fair business, although sales are about 15 per cent below expectations.

Traders' sentiment with regard to steel shares has improved.

It is gossiped that investment trusts were recently heavy buyers of oil issues.

Dow Jones Aver. Dec. 16 Close

30 Industrials 125.75 124.88

20 Railroads 31.68 31.43

20 Utilities 21.57 21.42

40 Bonds 93.42 93.44

11 Commodity Index 53.70 53.46

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER
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NOTICE

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Monday, 20th December, 1937, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 26th November 1937, to Monday, 20th December, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

NOEL BRAGA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1937.

COURSE OF NINE PUBLIC
LECTURES

on

Air Raid Precautions

The Third lecture of this course will be given in the

China Fleet Club Theatre

on

Monday, 20th December, 1937,

at 5.30 p.m.

Subject:—Effects and characteristics of and measures for protection against, high explosive bombs.

Lecturer:—Major R. B. Edwards, M.C., R.E.

Open to all members of the Public without charge.

Programmes of the course of lectures may be obtained on application to the Extra Assistant Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office.

WHEELLOCKS (HONGKONG)
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Intimate that their Shipping Office is situated in ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, under the Management of CAPTAIN R. A. YOUNG. Telephone No. 26919.

Miss Bertha Smedley, B. Sc., has been appointed Assistant Mistress in the Kindergarten Section of the Education Department as from December 9. The appointment is announced in Government Gazette of Mr. E. C. Luscombe as Police Probationer, with effect from December 9.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area	Estimated Value	Upset Price
1	100	East of and adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 30, Pokfulam.	feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 22,000	\$50
						\$1,100

U.S. COMMODITY
PRICESLATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 17.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters:

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
January	8.20/19	8.13/13
March	8.30/30	8.21/21
May	8.34/35	8.26/26
July	8.39/39	8.31/31
October	8.44/44	8.37/37
December	8.47/47	8.39/39

New York Rubber

	15.05 N	15.05 N
December	15.37/35	15.25/25
March	15.45b/48a	15.36/30
July	15.58/58	15.45/45
September	15.65b/70a	15.57/57

Sales for the day:—unreceived.

The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat

	94 3/4/94 3/4	91 00/93
December	91 1/4/91 1/4	91 00/93
July	85 1/2/85 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2
Thursday's Sales:	—	26,839,000

Chicago Corn

	57 3/4/57 3/4	58 3/4/58 3/4
December	59 1/2/59 1/2	58 3/4/58 3/4
July	59 5/8/59 5/8	58 3/4/58 3/4

The last Notice Day for December Grains is Dec. 30.

Winnipeg Wheat

	128 3/4/128 3/4	117 1/4/117 1/4
December	117 1/4/117 1/4	117 1/4/117 1/4
July	113 1/2/113 1/2	113 1/2/113 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is Dec. 31.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange weekly report issued yesterday says: The market was extremely dull during the week, with some prices inclined to give way.

For Eastern issues in London were little changed over the period, whilst the Manila market displayed signs of easiness.

Business Done During The Week

Hongkong Bank \$1,505, \$1,510, \$1,503, \$1,500
Union Insurance \$516
Steamships \$8.20
Docks \$23 1/2
Hotels \$25 1/2
Tramways \$13.30
Yamutai Ferries \$24 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$11.30, \$11.13, \$11.20, \$11.11
China Lights (Old) Rights \$5 1/2, \$5.30, \$5.15, \$5.10
Electricity \$33 1/2, \$33.10, \$32.85, \$32.80
Sandakan Lights \$14 1/2

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
Paris	147.17/64	147.11/64
Geneva	21.81	21.81 1/4
Berlin	12.39 1/2	12.39 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95.5/32	95.5/32
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Oslo	10.00	10.00
Helsingfors	22.04	22.04
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.90 1/4	4.90 1/4
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	6.00 1/2	6.00 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	12.00	12.00
Lisbon	150 1/2	150 1/2
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/10 1/4	1/10 1/4
Montreal	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Brussels	29.41	29.41 1/2
Yokohama	110	110
Belgrade	39 1/2	39 1/2
Montevideo	39 1/2	39 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	22.22/32
Silver (Spot)	18 1/4	18 1/4
Silver (Forward)	18 1/4	18 1/4
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Services, Dinners
And Parties

MR. TREVAN TO SPEAK

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hongkong. (opposite Royal Naval Hospital).

Sunday Services, December 10, 1937.

Preachers—Morning, Rev. J. E. Sandbach; evening, Mr. S. N. Trevan. Morning Parade Service at 10.15 at the English Methodist Church: Hymns 85 132, 82, 129 521.

Evening service at 7 p.m. at the English Methodist Church. Hymns 142, 117, 118, 122, 133.

1. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home. Refreshments at minimum charges. Servicemen and Civilians are warmly welcomed.

2. On Monday, Dec. 20, the Hongkong St. David's Society will hold its Annual Xmas dinner and party for members of the Welsh community and Welsh Servicemen, at the S. & S. Home. The list may be signed at the S. & S. Home.

3. On Wednesday, Dec. 22, Our Annual Dinner and Party for Servicemen will be given at the Home. Applications will also be welcomed from Civilians, who will be charged \$1 per head.

4. On Christmas Morning there will be a Carol Service at the English Methodist Church, Wanchai, at 10.15. Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

5. A Xmas Dinner and Party will be given to Boys from His Majesty's Ships on Xmas Day, commencing at 6 o'clock.

UNION CHURCH

Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow To
Preach To-morrow

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at Union Church, Kennedy Road.

While the Church is being repaired and renovated, services will be held in the Church Hall.

The Morning Service is held at 10.30 a.m. Evening Service at 6 p.m. Preacher at both services: Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.

The Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association is held in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

The Helena May Christian Fellowship meets in the Institute on Friday morning at 10.30 a.m.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ,
Scientist, Hongkong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, to-morrow, December 19 will be "The Universe Including man evolved by Atomic Forces."

The Golden Text will be, "Thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever; and Thy remembrance to all generations. Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth; and heavens are the work of Thy hands." (Ps. 102).

Among others the following will be read, "The Bible will be read, 'Praise ye the Lord. Praise him, ye servants of the Lord. Praise him, ye name of the Lord; Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, he hath done, and heaven and earth, in the seas and in all deep places. (Ps. 135).

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas which He creates and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them. Only by understanding that there is but one power,—not two powers, Matter and Mind,—are scientific and logical conclusions reached. Few deny the hypothesis that intelligence, apart from man, makes matter, governs the universe, and it is generally admitted that this intelligence is the eternal Mind or Divine Principle, Love." (Pages 295-270).

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, Branch of The Mother Church, in Boston, Mass., Macdonnell Road, close to Tram Station Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Reading Room is situated at 10, East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open daily 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

EXCHANGE

Selling

T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	104 1/4
T.T. Singapore	102 1/2
T.T. Japan	108 1/2
T.T. India	108 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	61 1/4
T.T. Batavia	35 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	90 1/2
T.T. France	70 1/2
T.T. Germany	9 10
T.T. Switzerland	33 1/4
T.T. Australia	1 10 1/2

EXCHANGE

Selling

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31 1/4
4 m/s France	0.05
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.99 1/2

LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGEYESTERDAY'S CABLED
QUOTATIONS

London, Dec. 17.
Dec. 16, Dec. 17.

War Loan 3 1/2 (Rise after 1933) 101.11/10 101.11/10

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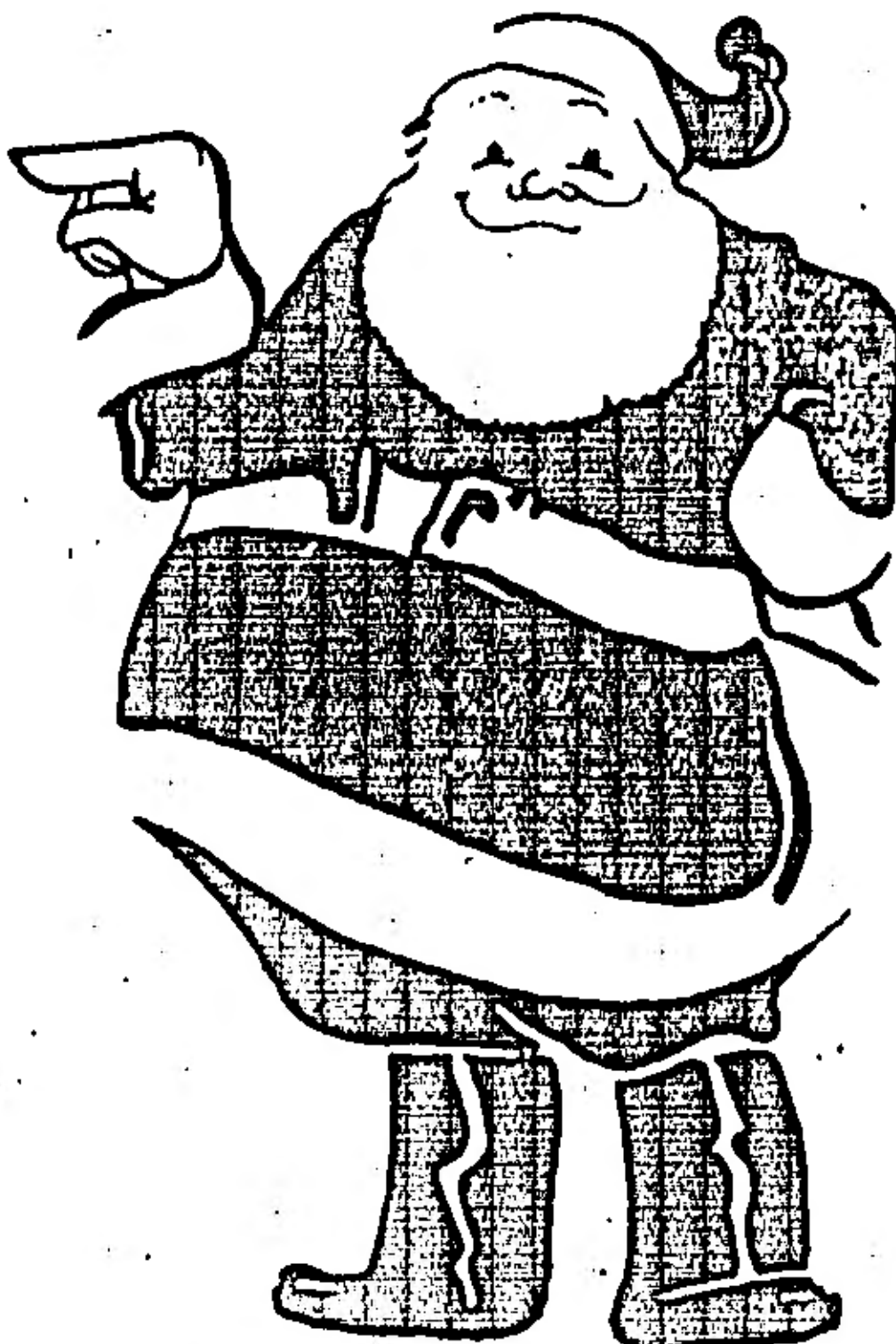
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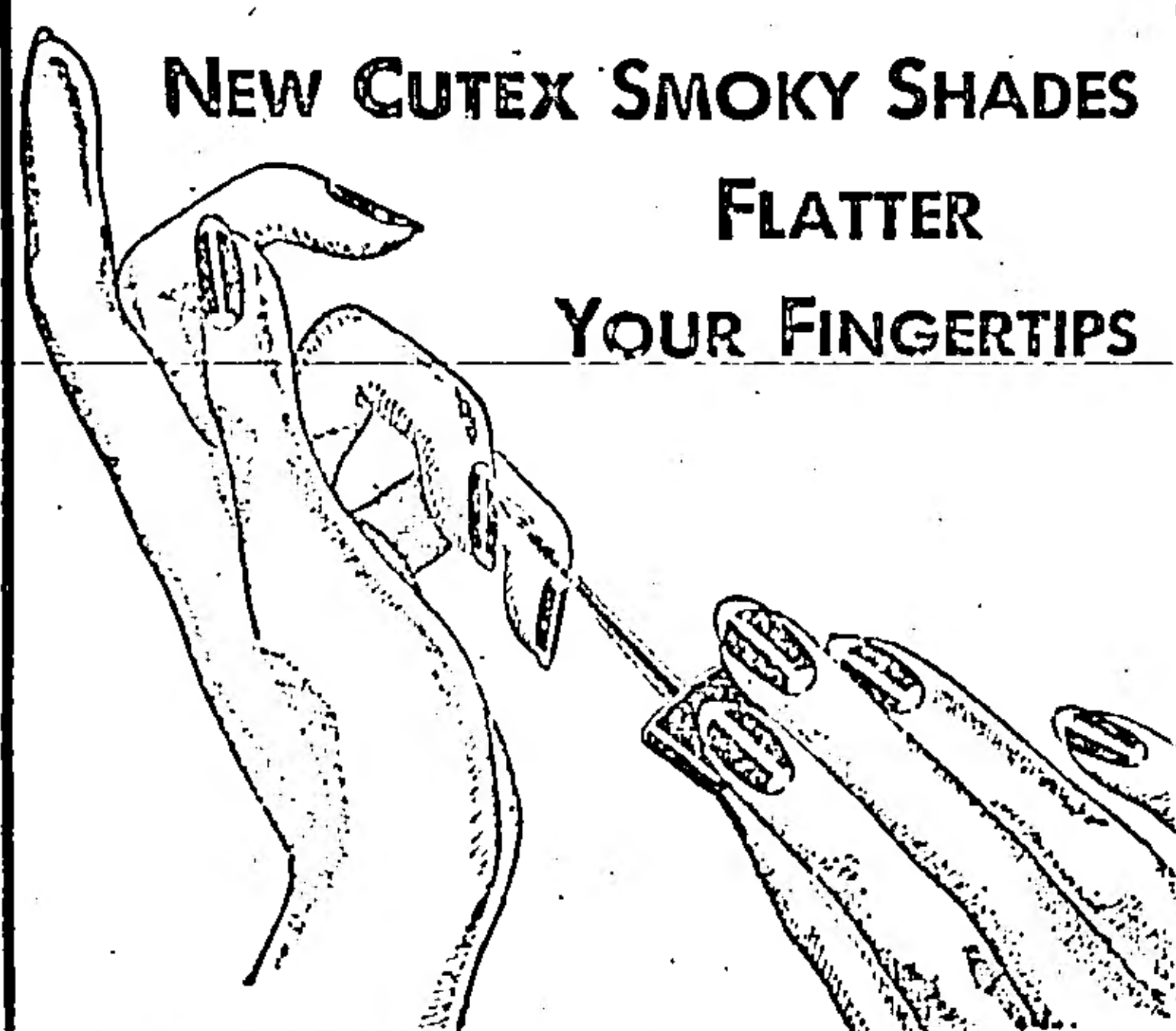
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HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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\$30,000.00

The Society is in urgent need of funds and asks for donations from the public towards this expenditure.

Hon. Treasurers:
Mr. D. BLACK, C.A.,
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Hongkong.
December 4, 1937.



WILL FUTURE BATTLESHIPS HAVE 14-in. OR 16-in. GUNS?

Japan Places Smoke-Screen Over Activity

Japan, which is not a signatory of the London Naval Treaty of 1936, does not agree with the principle enunciated in Part III of the Treaty whereby, to prevent competitive building, the Naval Powers were required to exchange advance information of their naval programmes, particularly in regard to the numbers, tonnage, armament, and speed of future ships.

Indeed, a complete smoke-screen has been spread over Japanese naval activity. However, she is believed to be building, or about to build, four battleships armed with 16-inch guns. Whether or not her ships carrying the armament can be built to the 35,000-ton limit of the Treaty to which Britain, the United States, France, Russia, and Germany have agreed remains to be seen, says the naval correspondent of the Sunday Times, London.

In the meantime, America's two new battleships, one of which has just been laid down and the other is to be started early in the new year, are to be vessels of 35,000 tons each armed with nine 16-inch guns, the same armament as the Nelson and Rodney.

ADMIRALTY DECISION

Anticipating general agreement to the 35,000-ton 16-inch gun limits suggested in the London Naval Treaty, the Admiralty decided that the five new British battleships now under construction, the King George V, Prince of Wales, Anson, Jellicoe, and Bontly, are to mount 14-inch guns.

In connection with this decision it must also be remembered that plans for future construction are prepared a long time in advance. The designs of a new battleship take at least a year to complete, and the main armament must be decided upon and the plant for constructing it assembled. As France, Italy, and Germany were already building 35,000-ton battleships, it was necessary that the Admiralty should be ready to lay down our new ships as soon as possible after the expiry of the battleship "holiday" imposed by the London Naval Treaty of 1930: i.e., on December 31, 1936.

EQUAL TO ANY

Ship for ship, our five new battleships with their tonnage of 35,000, their 14-inch guns, their speed, endurance, and protection, are authoritatively considered to be fully the fighting equivalents of any of the six 35,000-ton vessels now being built in Europe—two each in France, Germany, and Italy. All of these will mount 15-inch guns; to which the British 14-inch are not inferior in range or hitting power, particularly if mounted in greater numbers. However, the same argument cannot apply when comparing the 14-inch with a 16-inch gun, a projectile approximately 500 lb. heavier.

It seems probable that two or three new battleships will be sanctioned in the Navy Estimates due to be presented next March, and others in 1939.

GUN CALIBRE PROBLEM

The matter of the maximum gun calibre is most important, since increased gun calibre, with the extra weight of weapons, machinery, mountings, and ammunition, usually means increase in the size of the ship. Indeed, it may be impossible to construct a 35,000-ton "balanced" battleship carrying nine 16-inch guns, which combines all the necessary attributes of speed, fuel, protection, anti-aircraft armament and the like.

Japan's secrecy and her insistence upon the 16-inch gun may therefore bring this weapon into general use and create a consequent demand for an increase in the size of battleships to 40,000 or 45,000 tons; an era of competitive building which the London Naval Treaty of 1936 was expressly designed to prevent; and a great increase in the price of individual ships and the provision of the necessary docking accommodation.

Five Years' Work By Doctor Restores Him To The Medical Register

Five years' work by a woman whose life he saved resulted in Dr. Harold Burt-White being restored to the medical register recently.

He was struck off because of "secret and improper associations with a woman patient," referred to as "Mrs. B." which he denied.

A petition bearing scores of signatures of former patients—appeals have been organised year by year—went before the General Medical Council, when it made its decision recently.

Behind that petition was Mrs. Louisa Presman, of Flimstead-avenue, Wembley, Middlesex. "I feel that I want to dance my feet off. It is the best news I have heard for years," she told the Daily Herald.

"Ten years ago, when Dr. Burt-White was little more than a boy (he was then 20) I was given up for dead. I had an internal complaint which baffled the doctors.

"He operated. I recovered, and now I am as fit as I have ever been in my life.

"I determined to move heaven and earth to get him back on the register so that others might benefit.

"Early in the morning I went to the hospitals at which he had served. I collected his patients' signatures, and asked them to let others know.

"I neglected my home, but my husband and my family backed me up.

"At the end of the first year I put in about 200 signatures. The application was refused, but I declined to be discouraged and have gone on steadily ever since.

"Dr. Burt-White's patients have written to me from all over the country. They include some very rich and many very poor.

"Up to the present session of the General Medical Council I had submitted signatures from 520 of his patients and many touching letters."

Dr. Burt-White returned to his flat at Westbourne-terrace, Paddington, recently hearing the G.M.C. decision.

He ran up to his first floor flat two stairs at a time and hurriedly entered to find awaiting him a pile of telegrams of congratulation. Messenger boys arrived every few minutes with them.

Among the first to congratulate him was his sister Miss Dallas Burt-White, one of his staunchest supporters, who travelled up from Brighton to London.

Dr. Burt-White holds six degrees, gained many prizes, was a specialist in midwifery and gynaecology, and practised at six London hospitals.

A month before he was struck off, he made a dramatic 1,000-mile journey to operate on a patient.

On a holiday cruise off the Spanish coast, he was taken ashore in response to a radio message, travelled by car to Barcelona, and from there by express to Paris, where he caught a plane for London. He patient recovered.

INDICTED OF MURDER

An Amazing Cast

Dublin, Nov. 17.

For the third time Thomas Kelly faced a jury on a charge of murder here to-day.

Once he was sentenced to death; then the Appeal Court ordered a new trial; and at his second trial the jury disagreed.

His counsel to-day made another effort to secure Kelly's freedom.

An application that the indictment of murder be quashed on the ground that it was perjured without jurisdiction, failed.

Kelly again pleaded not guilty, and after counsel had begun outlining the prosecution case, the trial was adjourned.

"NOT GUILTY"

Here is the diary of this amazing case:

December 13, 1935.—Charred body of Patrick Henry, aged 65, found in his padlocked home at Great Meadow, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.

At the inquest it was stated that Henry died from head wounds. Kelly, who was stated to have lived with him, could not be found.

June 5, 1936.—Kelly arrested at Conbridge, Scotland. Later at the police station, he was found to be suffering from throat wounds and was taken to hospital.

DEATH SENTENCE

November 14, 1936.—Kelly convicted at Dublin Central Criminal Court and sentenced to death.

February, 1937.—Dublin Court of Criminal Appeal, after proceedings lasting over six weeks, quashed conviction and orders a new trial.

April 24, 1937.—At second trial jury fails to agree after three retirements and is discharged. Kelly put back for his third trial.

And now Kelly is still fighting for his life.

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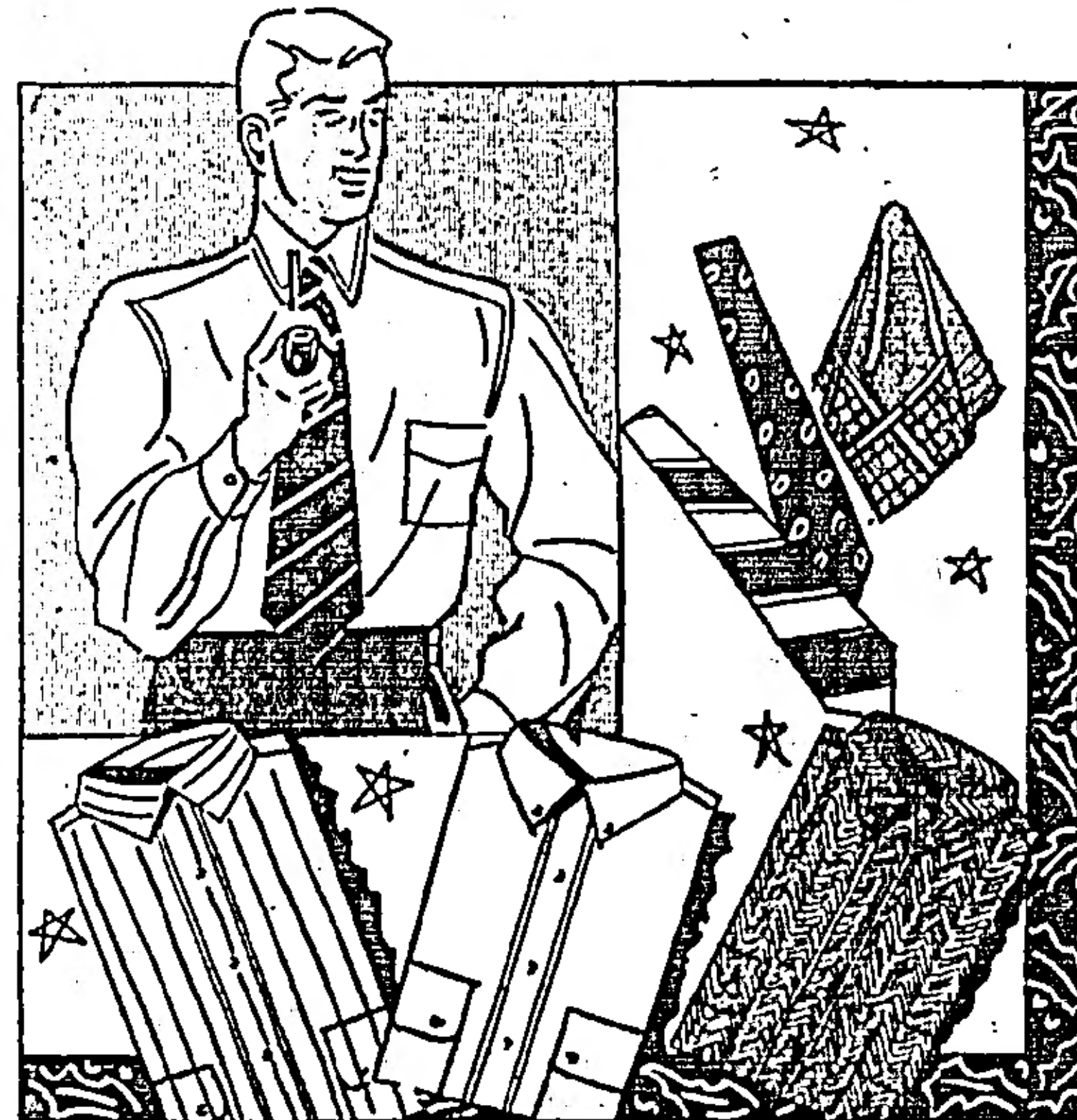
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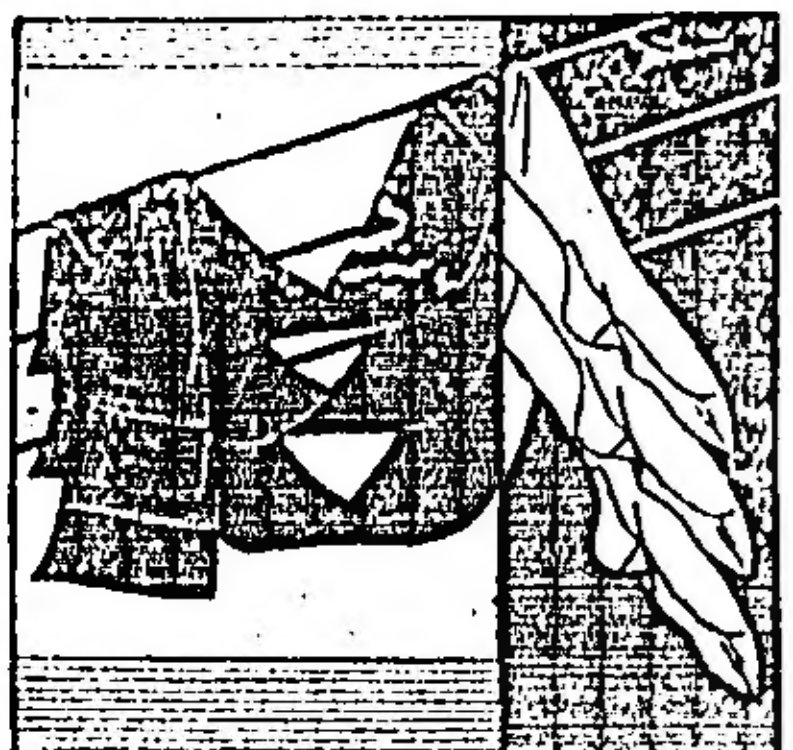
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This is the first net aggregate deficit since 1926, the year of the General Strike, and it is ascribed "largely to the adverse fortunes of some of the 12 general hospitals which run medical teaching schools."

Their £208,000 deficit outweighed the fact that the number of hospitals which had returned a surplus for the year was actually greater.

Even so, the income would have covered expenditure had it not been for a drop in the amount of legacies. The report of the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London—the coordinating authority—announces a total general fund income of £4,106,000, the same as in 1935. But expenditure rose from £4,075,000 (in 1935) to £4,200,000 last year.

WHERE MONEY GOES

More beds (there are now 18,100) and new treatment for patients have been costing larger sums. The four principal items in the joint hospitals bill were:

Salaries and wages £1,635,000
Domestic £609,000
Provisions £612,000
Surgery and dispensary £527,000

During the year the average number of beds occupied (15,190) increased by 109. There were 280,200 new in-patients (6,100 more), and 1,041,000 out-patients (increase of 60,000).

Out-patients attended the hospitals 10,005,000 times, against 9,811,000 in 1935.

M.P. SUSPENDED FOR BAD LANGUAGE

Mr. David Kirkwood, Clydeside Socialist M.P., who in 1922 was one of five who carried the vote in favour of electing Mr. Ramsay MacDonald leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party and thereby helped to make him Premier two years later, flew into a rage in the House of Commons recently and was suspended by a vote of 178 to 104.

Mr. Kirkwood, whose eyes were moist with tears at the death of Mr. MacDonald, his close friend, muttered and mumbled when a Ministerial reply to a question did not suit him.

Captain FitzRoy, the Speaker, rose and said: "If Mr. Kirkwood cannot behave himself I shall have to ask him to leave the House."

Mr. Kirkwood: "I don't give a damn."

The Speaker asked him to withdraw.

Mr. Kirkwood: "I will not withdraw."

The Speaker: "I shall have to name Mr. Kirkwood"—i.e., name him as disobedient to the Chair, and

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Frankfort, N. Y.
Three deer were reported placidly grazing with cattle in Frank W. Hausner's pasture while just a few miles to the north deer hunters' shots echoed through the woods. The deer were safe, however, because Frankfort is on the south bank of the Mohawk river, and deer hunting is prohibited south of the river.

Volunteer Firemen Irk

Greybull, Wyo.
The volunteer fire department of Greybull answered an alarm by rushing to their fire house to get their engines, but the blaze destroyed a residence before they arrived. Somebody had broken into the fire hall and siphoned all the gasoline out of the fire engine tanks.

PAIN and HEADACHES

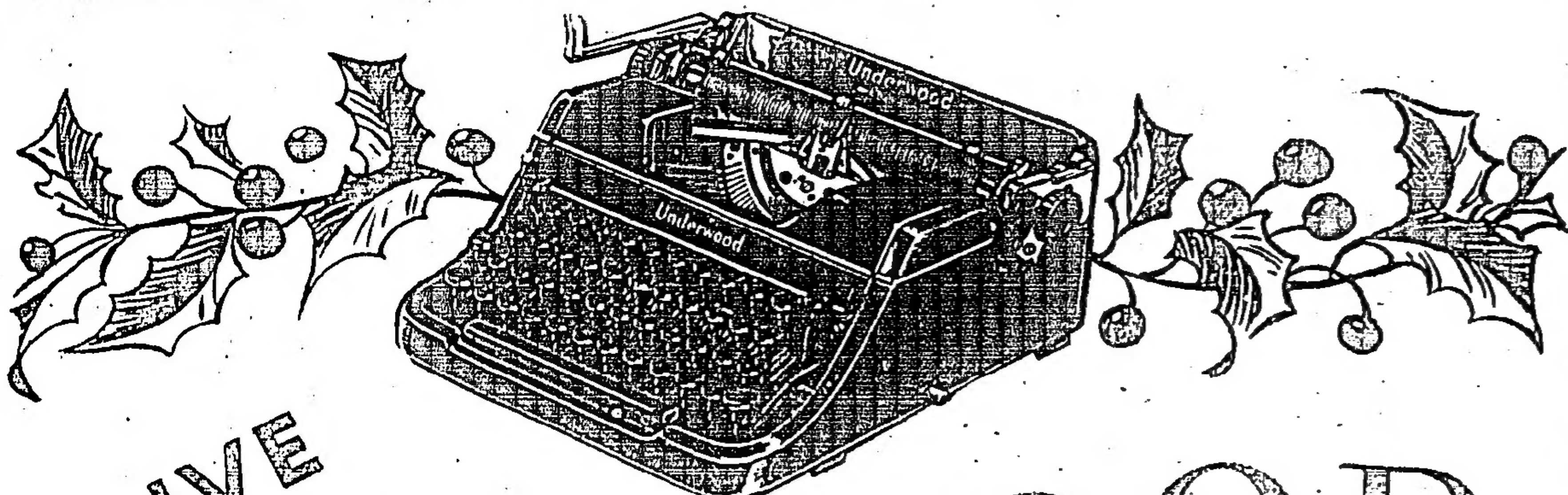
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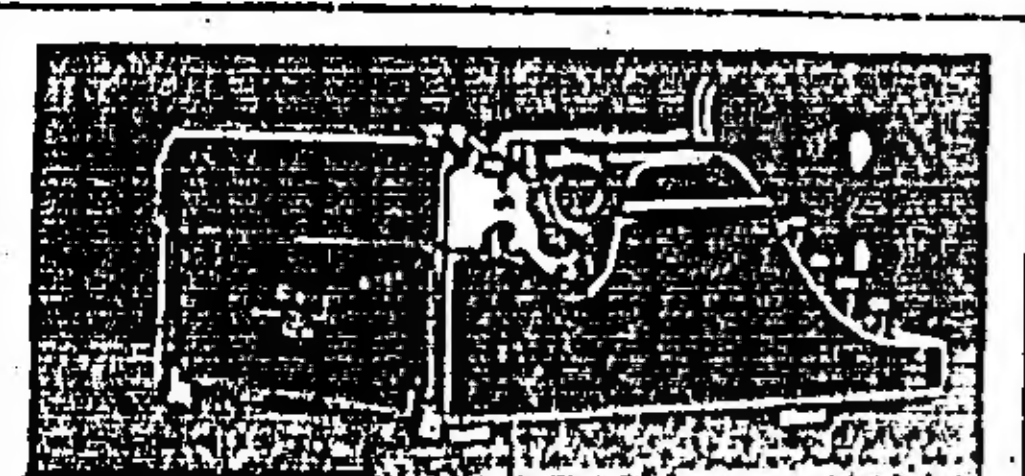
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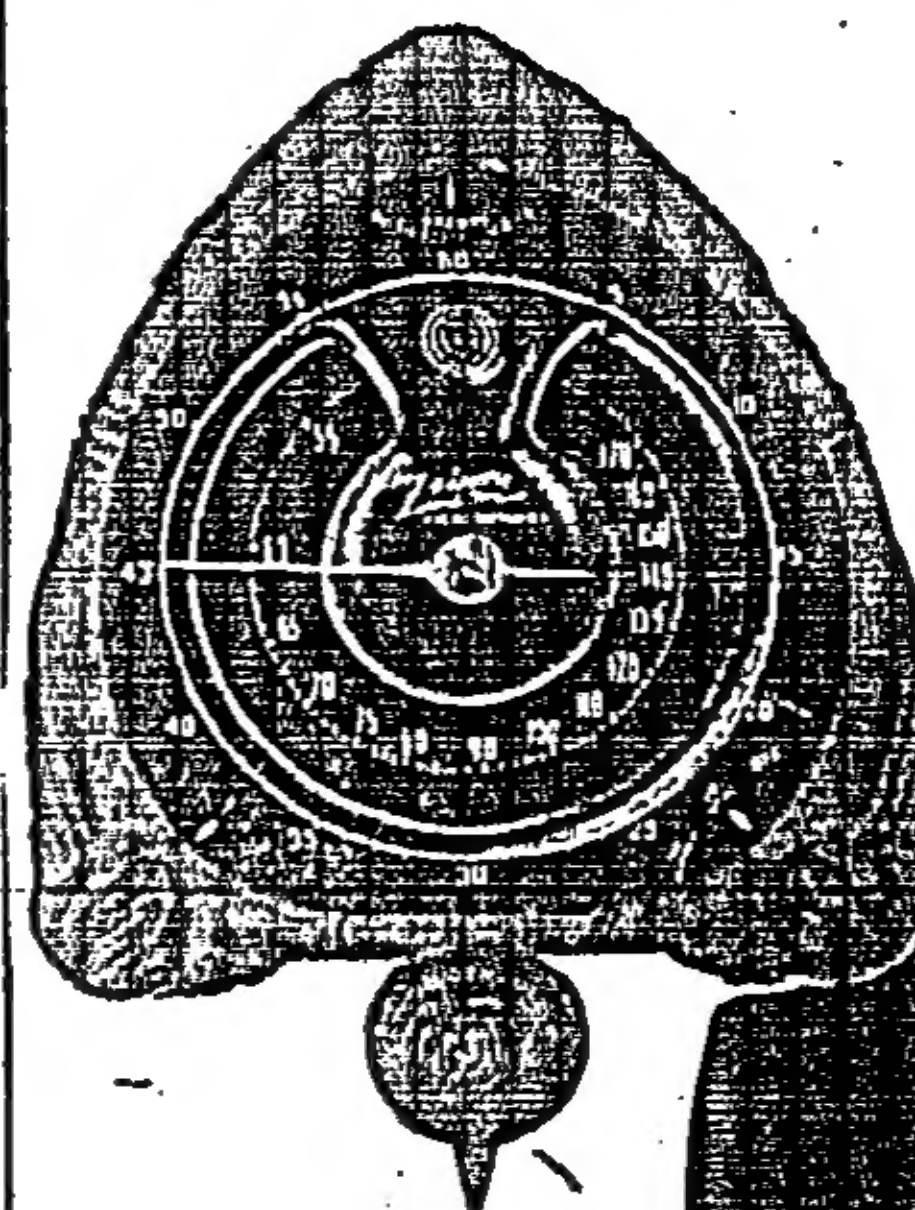
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BOMBERS' ATTACK WAS ENTIRELY DELIBERATE

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

As H.M.S. Ladybird and the U.S.S. Oahu, bringing survivors of the Panay to Shanghai, passed the Japanese flagship Idzumo to-day, she did not salute or dip her flag in the customary gesture.

Hundreds of foreigners lined the Bund and joined in the cheering as the two warships, with their attendant fleet of merchant vessels, appeared. Huge British and American flags painted on the top of the warships and their starboard sides were visible several blocks away.

The Ladybird is at present lying alongside H.M.S. Folkestone and the Oahu alongside the Augusta. As the Oahu tied up her crew were then derisively cheered by the personnel aboard the American flagship drawn up on the quarter deck.

Mr. Weldon James, United Press correspondent, who was one of the passengers on the Oahu stated: "The deliberate bombing and machine-gunning of the Panay by nine Japanese bombers was the most sudden and most appalling disaster of the whole war. New episodes in the annals of American bravery were furnished by the thrilling demonstration of how the United States Navy reacts to unexpected attack.

"All was quiet and peaceful. There was not even the sound of an aeroplane to be heard. Then came the cry 'Planes sighted!' and in an instant there were the most eerie whistling sounds as three heavy bombers, at an altitude of 3,000 feet released four or six bombs simultaneously, scoring a direct hit on the Panay's forward gun. One bomb fell on the port side, hoisting the warship below the waterline, and another in the vicinity of the Standard Oil Company's vessels close by.

"There was a terrific detonation as if the whole world was blown up. The bomb which hit the Panay blasted up towards the bridge, hurling Captain Hughes many yards, breaking his leg and blackening his face. Fragments cut the chin and arms of Chief Quartermaster Lang and wounded many others throughout the ship.

HOPES DASHED

"For a split second everyone was stunned and horrified, then there was the roar of motors as six light bombers dived down bombing and machine-gunning in a manner which dissipated the momentary hope that we had been accidentally struck. The terrible realisation dawned that

were wounded, carried on until the order was given to abandon ship, between 10 and 20 minutes after the first bomb had been dropped. Captain Hughes and Lieut. Anders were both informed that the ship was sinking and the former gave the 'Abandon ship' order from the engine-room and Anders by pencilling the order on a chart.

"The bombing continued as the ship's two boats—a motor-launch and an open launch—splashed down. Captain Hughes, under protest, was among the first of the wounded to be taken off.

LAUNCH MACHINE-GUNNED

"The most unpardonable incident of the whole affair occurred when the Japanese planes machine-gunned the open launch while it was halfway to the shore bearing Electrician Karl Birz, Seaman Shroyler, Seamen Greene and Mechanic A. Kozak, all of whom were wounded. Kozak received additional wounds in the chest. The bullets made the launch in the boat necessitating bulging out with helmets throughout the remainder of the trips from the ship to the shore.

"Before the hell began I was standing with several others aft on the boat-deck sunning myself, and grumbling because I was nowhere. Then came the shout that planes were above us and then that eerie whistle which recalled to me the Sincere bombing in Shanghai. All of us, except Roberts dived for the sick bay when the ear-shattering first explosion occurred.

"The explosion felled us all and shattered the glass in splinters. I saw Roberts, who was standing with glasses unlensed outside the doorway, picked up and thrown horizontal on the deck with the second explosion. At the sound of the roaring motors Roberts jumped up and pointing to sky indicated the Japanese markings on the planes.

"There was a momentary lull and others dashed out of the sick bay which afforded little protection. I followed and saw the Meihala burning almost alongside. Then came another explosion and the other civilians on board darted into the sick bay again and lay flat. The air was filled with curses and prayers.

"Then I felt Sandro Sandri (Italian Journalist) tugging at me and saying 'I am hit,' and Herbert Ros, of the Italian Embassy, making the sign of the Cross and jittering 'We will all die.'

CRIES OF WOUNDED

"Hearing the bombing continuing I attempted to soothe Ros and Sandri, all of us flattening out each time we heard the roaring motors and all heard the Japanese. Ros crossed himself again and prayed to God 'I die make it quick.'

"It was then 1.45 p.m. At that moment a dozen occupants of the sick bay vanished to the lower decks. Sandri and I were alone. He was begging piteously not to be left alone and asking for water. Barzini and someone returned and

Carol Singing To-morrow

Christmas Concert To Be Held In University

The tenth annual Christmas Concert arranged by the Hongkong University Christian Association, will be held in the Great Hall of the University to-morrow at 8 p.m., under the able leadership of Mr. Rupert Baldwin, a native of Hongkong. There is no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken at the end of the concert, the proceeds of which will go towards local charities.

look Sandri down. I raced to the engine-room between bombs. That was the safest spot for the wounded civilians. There seemed to be an eternal repetition of scenes mentioned above with the wounded survivors groaning and others cursing and yelling. Then someone shouted 'Here it comes.'

"The newsreel men can only be described as 'full of guts.' Alley and Mayell were darting out between bombs to film the planes flying up and diving in again. I was half-sitting, holding a steel pillar with one hand and being raised up inches at every explosion.

"When I did not hear the planes firing I went to the sick bay where I picked up my practically smashed camera and finished taking a roll of films. I gathered up blankets, caps, cigarettes everywhere and went back to the sick-bay where I got my possessions and found wreckage everywhere. Some objects were smashed beyond recognition.

WATER OVER DECK

"I threw down the stuff into a motorboat and helped the badly wounded. Rice, a sailor, tossed me a life-jacket. There were already three inches of water over the main deck.

"With Blawie and other naval men I boarded the last boat going out at 2.50 p.m. We were nearly capsized. We were breathlessly awaiting the planes return. The boat neared to the north shore, nearly a mile distant. I reached the shore with the warmest feeling of gratefulness at being unhurt and alive.

"Here the wounded were scattered along the beach, the survivors attending them. The company was completely disorganised. Some landed 100 yards down river and all calmly watched the Panay slowly settling, when suddenly we spotted two Japanese military launches making for the Panay. They were the same type of craft which stopped (Continued on Page 18.)

RADIO BROADCAST

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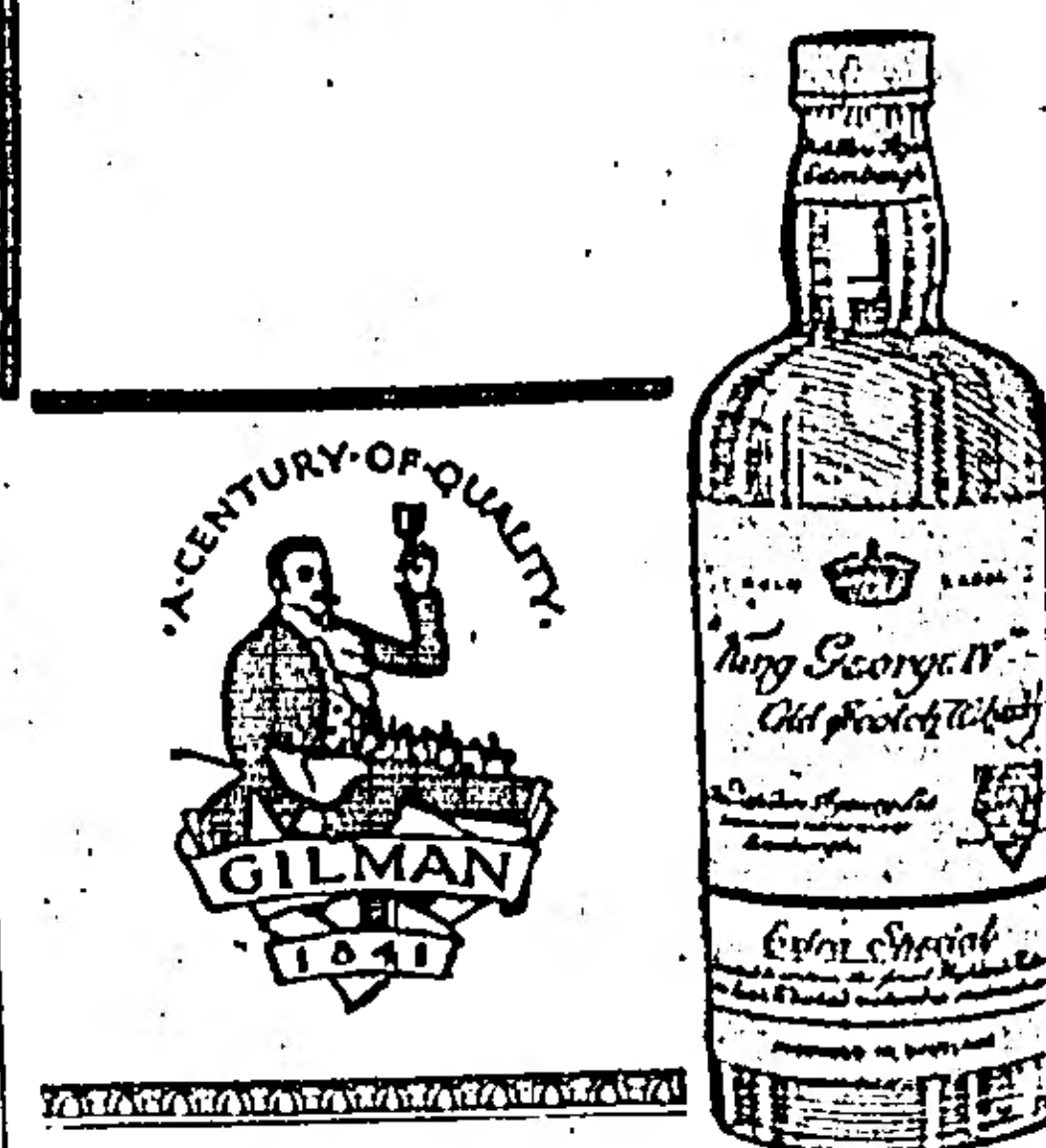
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12.00 midnight. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.20 a.m. 'Monologues in Melody.'
7.30 a.m. 'As I See It—7.'
7.45 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
8.45 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
and Big Ben at 9 a.m.
9.55 a.m. Organ Recital by Arnold Goldsbrough, from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House.
10 a.m. Big Ben. Recital by Vivian Joseph (Violoncello).
10.20 a.m. 'Circus in Prospect.'
10.40 a.m. 'Marry the Girl.'
11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m.
11.25 a.m. 'Sprites and Goblins.'
4.15 p.m. Big Ben. 'London Loc.' by Cyril Gardner.
4.25 p.m. Scottish Dance Music.
4.35 p.m. 'Sportmen Talking.'
4.45 p.m. 'Dig Dug.'
5.10 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.
5.55 p.m. 'Marry the Girl.'
6.05 p.m. 'As I See It—7.'
6.15 p.m. 'Dancing Time.'
6.25 p.m. 'London Loc.'
6.35 p.m. 'Dancing Time.'
6.45 p.m. 'For the Colonial Service.'
6.55 p.m. For the Children: 'The White Coats.'
7.00 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 7.45 p.m.
7.55 p.m. Big Ben. 'The BBC Military Band.'
8.10 p.m. Pianoforte Interlude.
8.15 p.m. Rugby League Football: England v. Australia. A commentary by Lance H. Todd, on the second half of the Third Test Match. From Huddersfield Rugby Ground.
8.20 a.m. Dance Music.
8.30 a.m. Jack Hill and his Music, with Alex Penney (Soprano).
8.45 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.
1.20 a.m. 'London Loc.'
1.30 a.m. Sydney Lipton and the Grosvenor House Dance Band.
2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.
2.25 a.m. The Northfleet Silver Band.
2.35 a.m. Rugby League Football: England v. Australia. A commentary by Lance H. Todd, on the second half of the Third Test Match. From Huddersfield Rugby Ground.
2.40 a.m. 'In Town To-night.'
2.50 a.m. Music Hall, including Bennett and Williams (two jovial boys with their phono-fiddles). 'Billy Bennett' (A Gentleman and a Woman).
3 a.m. Interval.
3.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 3.45 a.m.
3.55 a.m. Antonio Stradivarius (horn, 1644; died at Cremona, Dec. 12, 1737). A Commemorative of his Achievement. Arthur Caterall (Violin).
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Hadji Ali, fifty-two-year-old Egyptian, was one of the most remarkable "acts" on the music-hall stage.

One of his favourite tricks was to drink thirty pints of water, then a pint of petrol, and set fire to the petrol. Another of his feats was to swallow three dozen hazel nuts and one almond. He could always "find" the almond.

He died without making a will. Mr. F. Ellis Lincoln, legal adviser to the daughter, known on the stage as Princess Almira Ali, has taken out a grant of administration on her behalf.

"TELEGRAPH" PRIZE-WINNERS



Here are two of the recent prizewinners in the Telegraph Children's Competition. Top is Helen Ng and below Roy King (Photos by Photogram Studios).

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Mr. Riding's publication, which is the Borough's "blue book," giving detailed references to all matters relating to the use of public money, is the first of its kind to be issued in Britain.

Said Mr. Riding: "All I have done is to publish this abstract of accounts in decimals of £ instead of in the usual way. 'The time is coming, I am certain, when there will be in this country a decimal coinage—it is so simple. 'I had considered the publication in this form for some time, and with the consent of my Council and the approval of many of my colleagues, I decided to take the first step to encourage the public to use the decimal system. 'My abstract is purely a book of reference. People quoting from it in figures amounting to millions will not bother about shillings and pence. 'Thus a sum of £20 10s. 6d., would be recorded as £20.525. 'All calculations are done by machine, so that every two shillings is 1 and every penny .004. 'At present the system is only applied to the published accounts. We do not expect our contractors to submit their tenders in decimal form yet.'"

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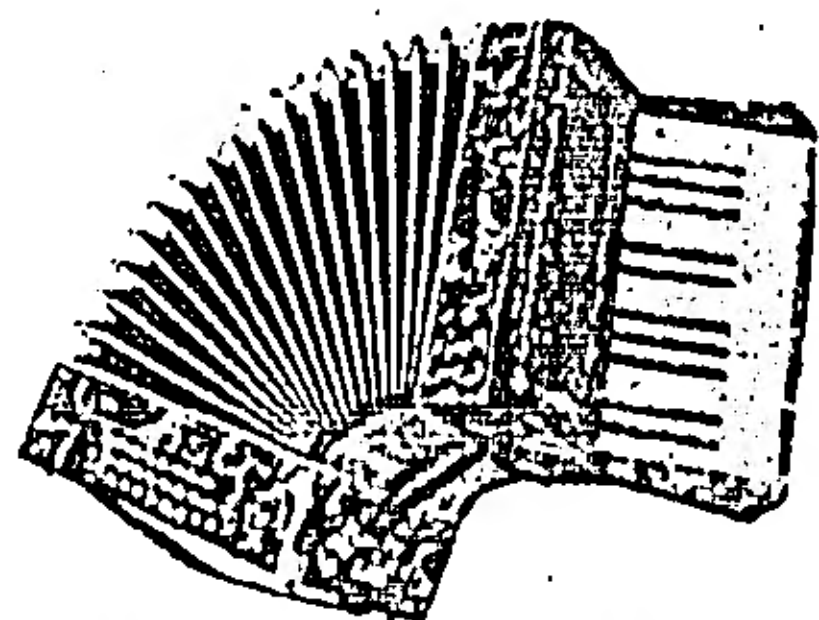
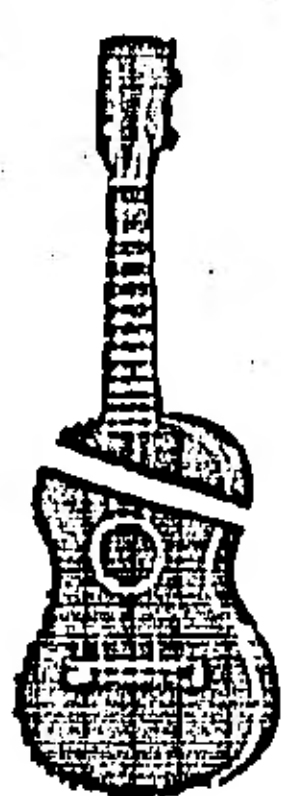
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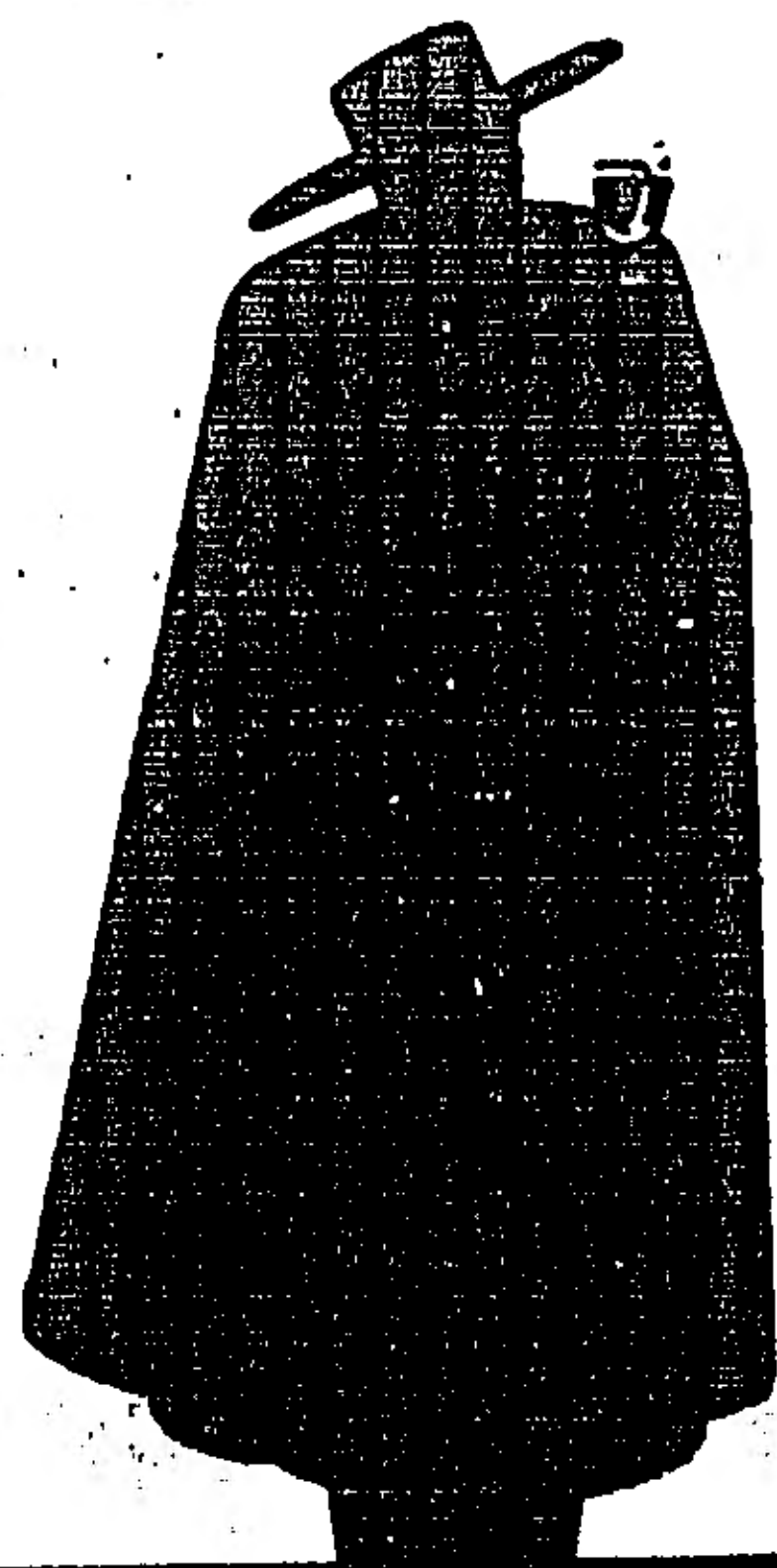


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WAR MAY SPREAD

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek yesterday issued a defiant manifesto declaring that he had no intention of ceasing to resist Japan. The Japanese retort was quick, and rather to be expected. Mr. Shigeru Kawagoe, the Ambassador to China, quietly disclosed that it was possible that governments similar to that established in Peiping would be set up in Central and South China. The war was far from ended, he said. The spirit of resistance, the national consciousness, the patriotism and courage of China have not been drained away in the blood the armies have shed in her defence, he might have added.

It must be admitted that it grows increasingly probable that Japan will strike a blow at China's southern doors before very long. Where the blow will fall can only be conjectured, but it seems likely that Canton will be the target. The Japanese have less reason to love the Cantonese than the more northern peoples, for it is from the south that the hottest anti-Japanese feeling has flowed; and the weight of this stream has not been checked by the northern invasion and the capture of Nanking. On the contrary, the southerners have definitely overcome their previous animosity towards the Central authorities and are loyally fighting the invader on a dozen fronts.

Admitting for a moment that the attack on Canton is imminent, what will be the immediate effect upon Hongkong? It is difficult to predict with any certainty, except to say that this Colony will undoubtedly be flooded with thousands of refugees; that trade will be seriously affected and the "back garden" on which we largely depend for fresh foods will be closed to us. There is naturally a certain element of danger for the Colony in any war waged close to its borders. In the first place there is the risk of "incidents," and there is good cause for apprehensiveness on this score. But it would seem that the chief difficulty facing the authorities would be the

TWO of the things that we relics of the Victorian Age most deplore in the modern world are the gradual disappearance of the horse and the almost complete disappearance of the street ballad-singer.

It is true that the ballad-singer was on his last legs even in the days of our youth. But he was still to be found here and there howling his wares and selling a sheet of paper containing the doggerel he had sung for a penny.

Often the ballad-singers worked in couples. A man and a woman, who looked as if they had slept in a ditch, would stand opposite each other in the middle of a crowd of listeners and yell their songs in the most merciless fashion into each other's faces.

They sang without pause from the start to the finish of the ballad, for the man would let the woman sing the last half-line of each verse by herself in order to fill his lungs with air and be able to bellow out the beginning of the next verse from his twisted face before the old verse had died a painful death on the woman's lips.

It was in Kilkenny, I think, that I heard two ballad-singers singing a harsh and satiric doggerel about old-age pensioners when pensions first came in. It began:

Some people used deny their age—
You often could them hear—

protection of the frontier, not against the Japanese, perhaps, but against a Chinese force which might mistakenly or with intent attempt to fight from British territory. It is reassuring to know that the military authorities are alive to the dangers in such a situation as that existing at this time that they are taking precautions for the protection of the border by the erection of "observation posts" and that a dependable battalion is ready for any emergency in that direction. That worry can safely be left to the competent men of the Rajput Regiment.

What should be the immediate consideration of the Government, it is suggested, is the problem of feeding the civilian population and sheltering refugees. It would be a pity if Hongkong were found unprepared for any emergency which may arise. And since it is unlikely that Canton will have any warning of attack, if it truly is intended, this Colony can ill afford to wait without action for a situation which might develop disastrously. It is not proposed that anything involving expenditure be undertaken at this stage, but it would be advisable to take stock of the resources available and to make certain that nothing can interfere with the communications upon which Hongkong depends for its daily bread.

ROBERT LYND'S SATURDAY ESSAY



They Sang Without Pause

They would nearly strike you with
their stick

If you said they were seventy
years.

Now they are running to the parish
books.

They do not care about wind or
cold.

And they tell the priest now if he
can.

To try and make them old.

A better ballad to my mind
was that sung in the streets of
Dublin when the Census was
first taken—a ballad beginning:

Oh, they're taking of the census
In the country and the town!

Have your children got the measles?
Are your chinbleys tumbling
down?

But that was sung long before
I was born.

A book of English ballads,
"Victorian Street Ballads," makes
no concealment of the fact that
he had committed the dreadful
crime for which he was
condemned:

never so happy as when he had
an execution for murder or a
murder trial for his theme. One
of the most grisly of the ballads
he quotes is "The Execution of
Alice Holt," which begins:

A dreadful case of murder,
Such as we seldom hear,
Committed was at Stockport,
In the County of Cheshire.

Where a mother, named Mary
Bailey,

They did so cruelly slaughter
By poison administered all in her
beer

By her own daughter.

The ballad-maker was for the
most part a moralist, and he
liked to make the murderer con-
fess his guilt and go to the gal-
lows in a repentant spirit.

In "The Last Moments of A.
Dalmas," for example, Dalmas
makes no concealment of the fact
that he had committed the dreadful
crime for which he was
condemned:

A story that's strange but true;
Your father and I, at the school one
day,

Met two little girls in blue.
Two little girls in blue, lad,
Two little girls in blue,
They were sisters, we were
brothers,

And learned to love the two;
And one little girl in blue, lad,
Who won your Father's heart,
Became your Mother; I married
the other,
But now we have drifted
apart."

What a situation, and what
words! "But now we have
drifted apart" seems to me one
of the most nobly pathetic lines
in English literature.

And now these inglorious
glories of a simple world have
all but faded from the earth.
The crooner with his "close-
your-eyes" and his "arms-
enfold-yous" has triumphed, and
the ballad and the music-hall
song of the kind we once knew
are almost as obsolete as the
cowboy's covered wagon.

Is there any hope of a re-
vival? I confess my heart
leaped up with hope when I first
heard "The Isle of Capri."

After sitting next to a lady
wearing a fur coat, we would
refer her to that advertisement
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We wish some public bene-
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A last adieu, my dearest daughters.

With you I can no longer stay,
I have received the dreadful
summons.

And, alas! I must obey.
I slew one night Mrs. Macfarlane;
For which, alas, I do deplore.

Then went away and left her
Weltering in her crimson gore.

The principal charm of these
old ballads, I think, is the charm
of ingenuousness and bathos.

How can we resist the exquisite
inept simplicity of the rhyme
about Miles Weatherhill, the
young weaver, who murdered
the parson's servant at Tod-
modern—especially the quatrain
which runs:

With four loaded pistols, in a fit of
frenzy,

Miles to the Vicarage did haste
forthwith,

And with a scapion wounded the
master.

And shot the maiden, named
Smith.

Even in the ballads of the
Victorian Age, however, as we
find them in Mr. Henderson's
collection, the influence of the
music-hall was already beginning
to be felt.

Luckily ingenuousness and
bathos did not entirely dis-
appear even after the triumph of
the music-hall. The sentimental
songs of the halls carried on the
tradition of the simplicity of the
streets. There were fewer
songs about murder, but the
songs of tenderness were just as
delightful outrages on the art of
poetry.

Men in the music-halls had
hearts in those days, and the
smell of beer, tobacco, and
orange-peel made them pecu-
liarly amenable to the melting
mood.

They did not ask for litera-
ture. So long as the song was
tender and sad and went to a
waltz tune, they were happy.

Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch did
not include "Two Little Girls
in Blue" in his "Oxford Book
of Victorian Verse," but it
touched the Victorian heart as
some of the poems he included
did not. And how could it fail
to, with its sublimely prosaic
opening verse and chorus:

An old man gazed on a photograph.
In the locket he'd worn for years;

His nephew then asked him the
reason why

That picture had cost him tears.
"Come, listen," he said, "I will tell
you, my lad,

A story that's strange but true;
Your father and I, at the school one
day,

Met two little girls in blue.
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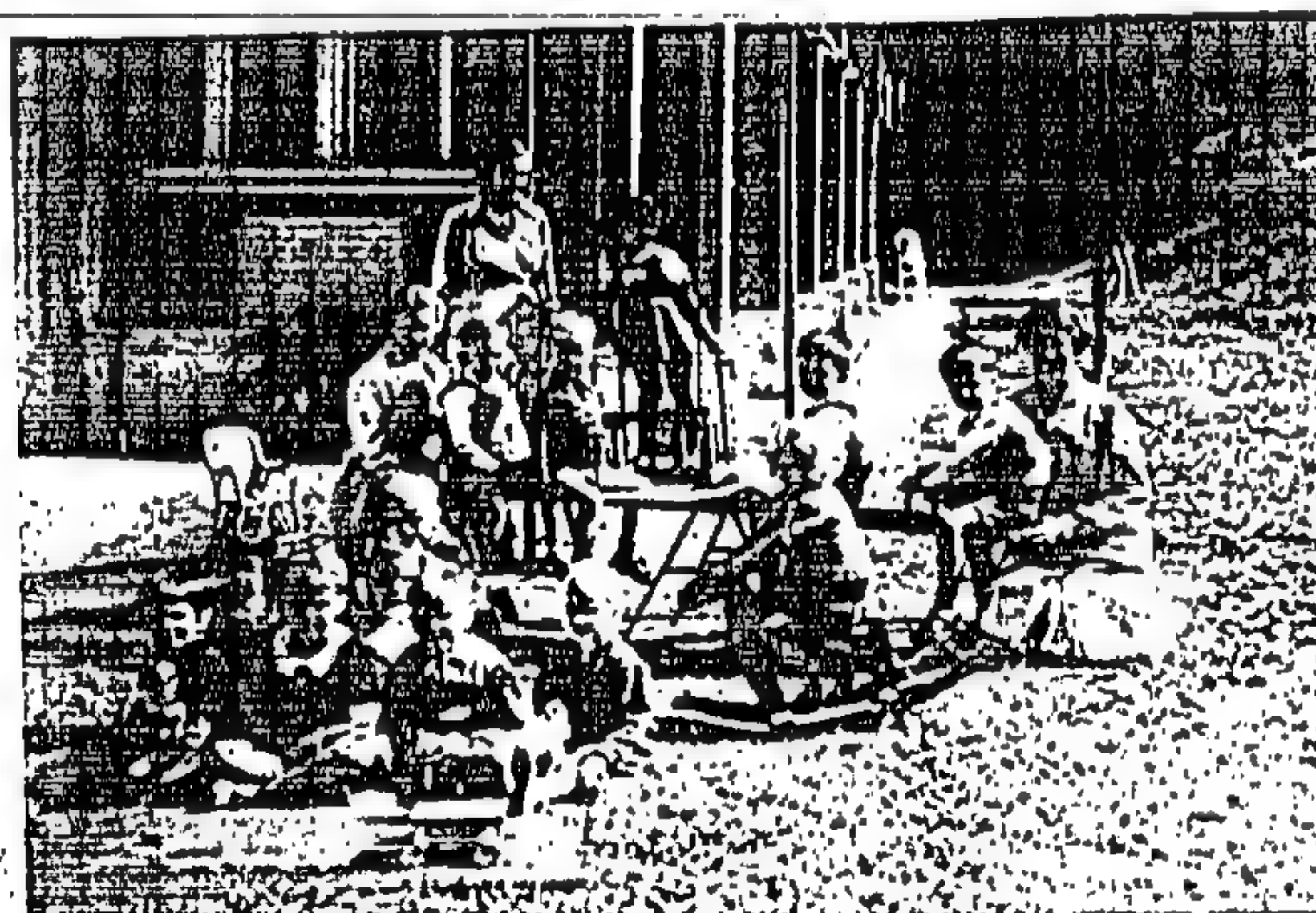
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An enjoyable fancy dress party was held recently at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Dovey, and this photo shows the party in their attractive costumes. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



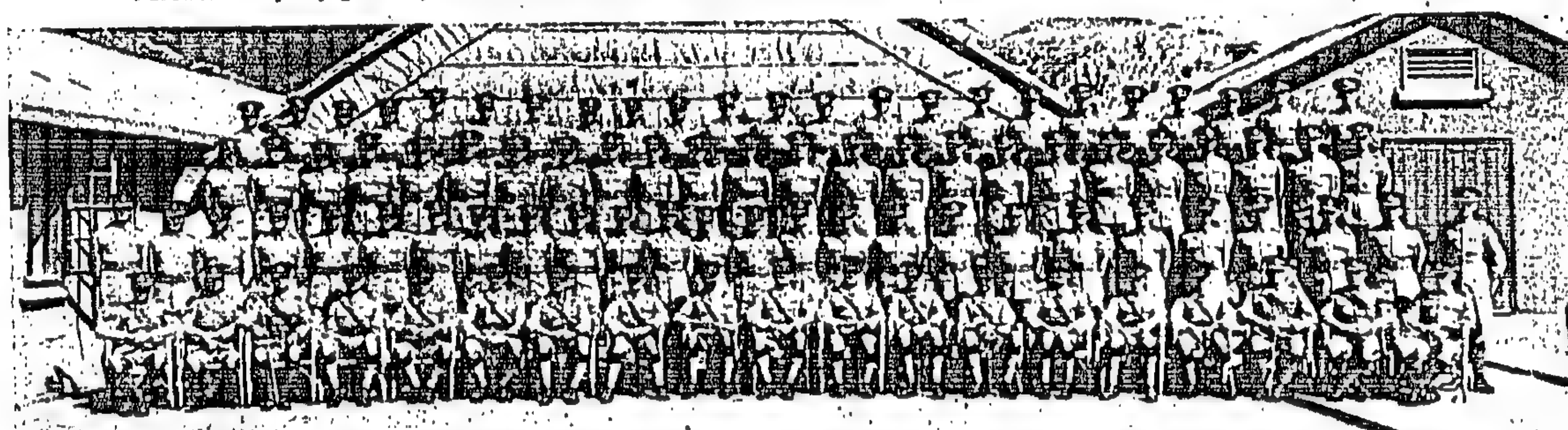
Local Wolf Cubs gathered in full force recently at Sandilands Hut to take part in a drive to collect medical supplies made by them during their Good Deed Christmas week. This picture shows the Cubs gathering at the Hut. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



The Loloma Kindergarten this week held an Open Day for parents. Here we see some of the nursery and kindergarten children enjoying a playtime hour with members of the staff. (Photo: King's Studio).



Farewell tea party given by the Hongkong University Medical students to Professor W. C. W. Nixon. (Photo: A. Fong).



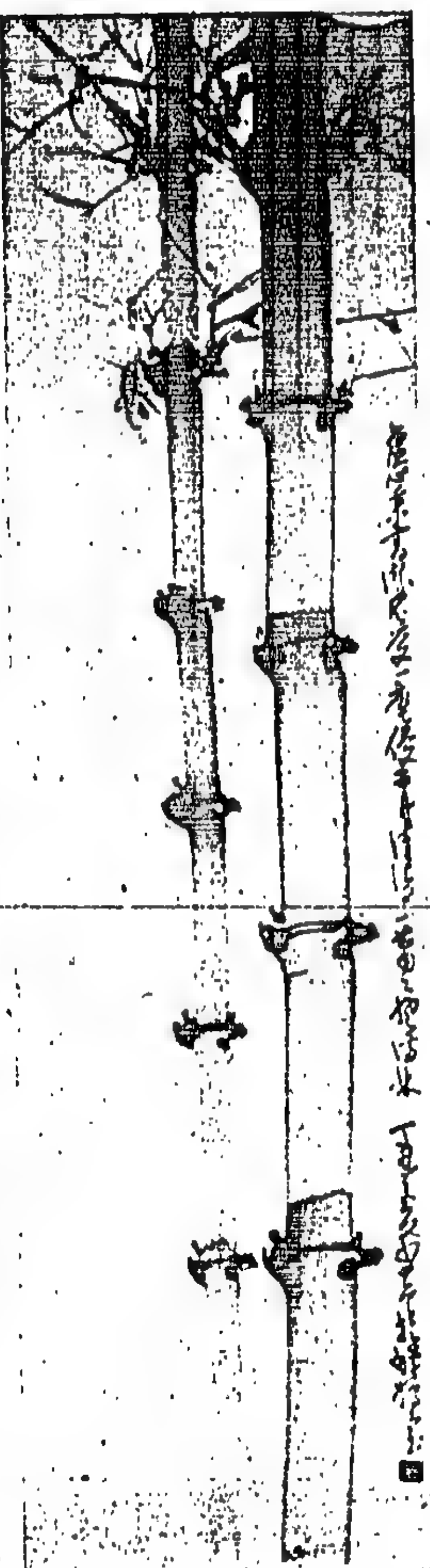
Officers and men of the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment now stationed in Hongkong. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Group of the P.R.I. office of the Middlesex Regiment, winners of the inter-company boxing tournament. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Here we see the teachers of St. Joseph's College, who sat for this photograph recently. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



"Bamboo", one of the strikingly effective water-colour paintings by Mr. Chiu Shiu-gong who is staging a display of his work under the auspices of the Hongkong Working Artists' Guild at China Building to-day and until Wednesday next.



Delightful painting by Miss Hung Pui-sheung, which, with other works by this talented artist, is shown at a display of Chinese watercolours at St. Francis Hotel to-day and until Wednesday next. The title of this painting is "Pine Tree Wild Birds."



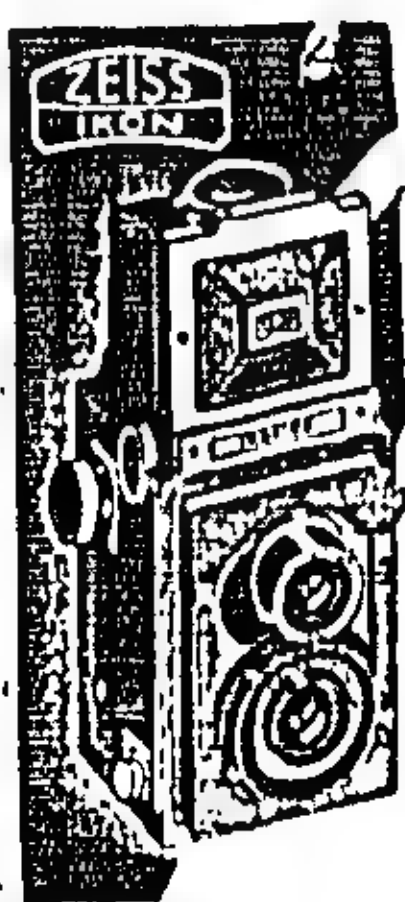
This picture was taken after the wedding this week at the Peak Church of Mr. A. J. H. MacDonald and Miss D. Edwards. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Mr. Springwell and Miss Rair photographed after their wedding recently at the Roman Catholic Church. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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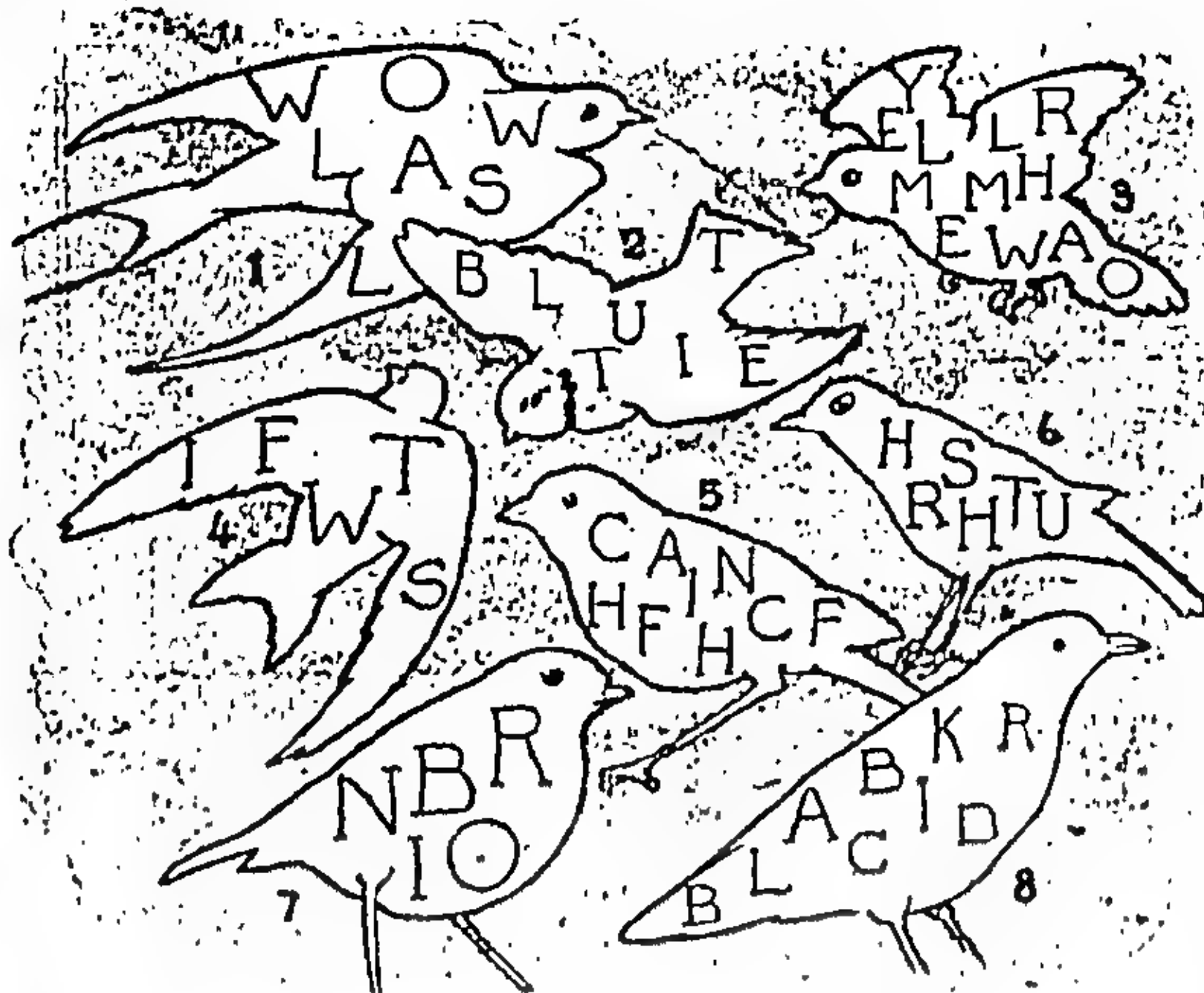


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Dear Kiddies.

Both the Seniors and Juniors seemed to thoroughly enjoy last week's competitions. The Seniors, on the whole, did very well with their historical dates, whilst the Juniors sent in some splendid paintings of Santa Claus.

Ernest Paterson (aged 14), 92A, Nathan Road, Kowloon, is to receive the Senior prize.

The Junior prize goes to Theresa Souza (aged 9), 36, Ice House Street, Hongkong.

Will Ernest and Theresa please call at the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices for their prizes?

Merit Certificates are being awarded to:

Seniors: Marcus Raza, N. Taylor, A. Brown, Elsa Laurel, Priscilla Pires.

Juniors: Tamsie Garcia, S. S. Bux, Maria D'Oliveira Sales, Tommy Li, Rose Ellis and Heretilla Itza.

Unfortunately, the posting of last week's Merit Certificate have

unavoidably been delayed but they are being sent off as soon as possible.

I want to specially commend the following Seniors for good work: Jacqueline Anderson, Charles Foster, Barrett Emmert, Socorro M. Castro, Pamela Li, Wong Chiu-yung, Hilda Soares, Amy Choy, Fern Ellis, Jimmy el Arculli, Karima J. Khan, S. J. Bux, A. Jimmy, Joyce Leong, Suen Mo Tak, Maggie Cheng, Thelma Mendes, Edith Tan, Rosalind Cheng, Youti Cooper, A. Cotee, Ann Womit, Dora Tiu, Ada Foster, Pedro Souza, Henrique Mendes, Albert Hazell (hope you are keeping better, Albert), Sandra Monti, Norman Castro, Margie Xavier, Yeung Kit-wa, Hilda Silva, S.A. Bux, Jivindor Kor, Laurence Becker, and John James.

Youti Cooper: You must have six Merit Certificates to win a prize.

Ada Foster has received a fine collection of stamps from somebody in Macau. As the sender gave no name or address, Ada cannot thank him or her. She is very grateful, however, for the collection.

Now for this week's competition. Above you see a pretty puzzle simple

Bridge Problem

NO. 38

S 8 8

H 9 2

D 10 4 3

C 6 2

S 8 8
H 9 2
D 10 4 3
C 6 2

N
W
E
S

S 10 7 4 3

H 9 2

D 8 5

C None

No Trumps. South leads, N-S. to make five of the nine tricks against any possible defence. Solution by Wednesday to "Bridge Problem," H. K. Telegraph, Wyndham Street.

SOLUTION TO NO. 37

South leads the deuce of Clubs which North wins with the King. North returns Jack of hearts which East covers and South wins with King. South leads a second small club for West to win with the Queen and North throws the ten.

West's best lead is now the spade seven which North wins with the Queen and South discards the ace of hearts. North leads club four for South (with a finesse if necessary) to win two club tricks. West discards a diamond on the first but is squeezed on the second and finally throws his spade ten and North throws his small diamond.

South now leads heart nine which North wins with Ace and, playing his spade six, again squeezes West, and South, throwing his small heart, North-South wins either a heart and a diamond or two diamonds. If at trick 6, West throws a heart instead of a spade the play continues similarly except that the second squeeze by North is effected with the lead of the heart five instead of the spade six.

enough for all boys and girls to try. All get busy at once and see if you can win a prize.

You have to name the eight birds shown above. You may know them all already, but in any case their names are written on them in jumbled form. When you have read the eight names, write them down, fill in your name, address and age and send to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street, before 4 p.m. next Wednesday.

Uncle Eddie

The Samphire

EPISODE FROM INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S NOTEBOOK

THE Samphire case, as students of crime may remember, was one of the biggest things of its kind.

The rise of Marcus Samphire, from a junior clerkship in an issuing house to a dominant position in the City, was a phenomenon almost without parallel. Everything he touched turned to gold.

At thirty-eight, he was in sole control of the powerful Clerkenfields syndicate and, by repute, the third richest man in the country. In society, men and women of position and influence hung upon his every action, dazzled no less by the force of his personality than by his uniform success in playing the markets.

Then, with dramatic swiftness, came disaster. Rumours began to circulate in the City that the Clerkenfields Syndicate was in queer straits. Paragraphs appeared in a financial newspaper, and Samphire made it known that he had filed a suit for libel.

Playfair Has

a "Hunch"

But, long before his suit could come before the Courts, the Public Prosecutor had acted. Marcus Samphire was invited to Scotland Yard and questioned for some hours by detectives. He was not arrested; the case against him was not watertight; but he was placed under police surveillance.

Samphire, however, knew well enough when the game was up. On an October night, streaming with rain, he gave his watchers the slip; and for four days nothing whatever was heard of him.

On the fifth day, however, there came to Joshua Playfair—grappling in his own room at the Yard with a mass of papers bearing on the case—that lightning of the spirit which he sometimes referred to as a "hunch."

Sergeant Dumbell, entering with yet another document, was surprised to be welcomed with a grin. "Peace after strife, port after stormy seas," was Playfair's unexpected greeting. "Are you a harbinger of tranquility, Dumbell? What have you got there?"

Dumbell carefully shut the door. His private belief—though he did not, of course, give rein to it—was that this Samphire case had gone to his chief's brain. "He might go nuts any time," had been Dumbell's pronouncement that morning, delivered, as he served out the bacon, for the benefit of his admiring wife. "Started quoting French to me now, he has," the horrified Sergeant had declared. "It's those figures. If you pore over them long enough, they kind of soften the brain."

Dumbell Is "Dramatic"

Not by a flicker of an eyelid, however, did Dumbell disclose these suspicions. Instead, he advanced dramatically to Playfair's desk, and, presenting his document, observed in sepulchral accents:

"Samphire. He's got away."

That Samphire, with the resources at his disposal, could remain for several days in hiding—that was not difficult to believe. That he could leave the country with every means of egress watched—his credulity could not extend so far.

Besides, he had reasons of his own for thinking that Samphire was still in England. He would not, in Playfair's judgment, attempt to leave without essential documents.

His first reaction, then, was one of something like consternation. "He can't have done, Dumbell," he said. "It's not possible."

Letter To

Mrs. Hellefont

Dumbell looked hurt. "Sorry sir, I'm only repeating what I got from Inspector Truefitt. Read that letter, sir. It's a copy of a letter—opened by the authorities and duly sealed up again—delivered to Mrs. Hellefont this morning. You remember, sir, her flat has been under observation, as you know, sir; her phone is being tapped and her letters opened in transit."

"Yes, yes," said Playfair testily. "I know all about Mrs. Hellefont. This letter—"

Was in Samphire's own handwriting, sir. Unmistakable, according to Inspector Truefitt. Posted last night at Folkestone, sir, and bearing Samphire's fingerprints and all."

Motioning his subordinate to silence, Playfair settled down to read the letter.

Folkestone,

On the way to warmer climes.

"Dear Puss, I'm in a tearing hurry; every second counts! Buses wait for me hopefully at the old place. All for nothing, however! Little me has at last got well away. (About five plain clothes men were on the look-out for me at Victoria.) By to-morrow, Puss, I expect to be—oh, who knows where? And with most of the swag, too. The syndicate must go bust—a pity but save qui pout.

"The papers make amusing reading. Have you seen the 'Daily Telegram'? They know all about my private history (apparently). But where on earth do they get their facts from?"

"So far, well; come and see me—when I'm able to send you an address. As ever—M.S."

"P.S.—I presume this letter will be opened by Scotland Yard. Otherwise, dear Yardlings—and that goes for you, my old pal Joshua—you should have a copy for yourselves."

Hellefont's

Never Forget

For some moments Playfair pored over the letter. "Glad he hasn't overlooked me," was his comment. "Listen, Dumbell, this Mrs. Hellefont—"

"Yes, sir. Are you going to arrest her?"

"Not yet," answered Playfair. "What could we arrest her for? No, Dumbell, I'll tell you something very private, though, he looked at his watch. "You and Truefitt are feeling somewhat despondent, but in three hours from now I propose to arrest Marcus Samphire. What I was going to say was, do you know this Mrs. Hellefont by sight?"

"Yes, I do," said Dumbell. "But I think, sir, she also knows me. I had to call on her the other day, in connection with an affidavit."

"A pity," was Playfair's comment. "In that case, you'll miss the fun. Dumbell, Hellefont's never forget. Why did Playfair claim that he would shortly be arresting Marcus Samphire?"

Solution on Page Three

Current Affairs Test

HOW TO DO IT

Five possible answers are given for each question. Example: Prime Minister of Great Britain is (1) Anthony Eden, (2) Hailsham, (3) Baldwin, (4) Chamberlain, (5) Lloyd George. The number 4 meaning Chamberlain. Has been placed at the right of O on the score sheet. (Solutions on Page Three).

Home Affairs

- 1.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald who died recently first became Prime Minister in (1) 1911, (2) 1916, (3) 1924, (4) 1929, (5) 1931.
- 2.—The annual election of the Lord Mayor of London dates from the reign of (1) William I., (2) John, (3) Henry VI., (4) Elizabeth, (5) Charles II.
- 3.—The proceeds of Poppy Day go to the British Legion. Its President is (1) Sir Ian Hamilton, (2) the Duke of Gloucester, (3) Mr. Winston Churchill, (4) Sir Frederick Maurice, (5) the King.
- 4.—Two more High Court Judges are to be appointed. They will be specially concerned with (1) commercial cases, (2) Assize business, (3) income tax appeals, (4) libel and similar actions, (5) divorce.

World Affairs

- 5.—A triple Anti-Communist pact has been signed. The signatory countries are Germany, Italy and (1) Poland, (2) Hungary, (3) Japan, (4) Turkey, (5) Bulgaria.
- 6.—There is serious trouble between Haiti and its neighbour. The latter State is (1) Costa Rica, (2) Cuba, (3) Porto Rico, (4) Santo Domingo, (5) Nicaragua.
- 7.—Dr. Schacht has resigned from his post in Germany. He has been (1) Minister for Propaganda, (2) Minister for War, (4) Minister of Transport, (5) Minister of Agriculture.
- 8.—The twentieth anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution has been celebrated in Russia. The creator of Bolshevism was (1) Lenin, (2) Keresky, (3) Stalin, (4) Trotsky, (5) Tolstoy.
- 9.—Recently was celebrated the anniversary of the birth of William Cowper. He wrote (1) Gulliver's Travels, (2) Absalom and Achitophel, (3) The Rape of the Lock, (4) The Task, (5) Rasselas.

General

- 10.—Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson died recently. Among the plays with which his name will always be associated is (1) The Second Mrs. Tanqueray, (2) The Passing of the Third Floor Back, (3) Ghosts, (4) Caste, (5) The Devil's Disciple.
- 11.—Also died recently was Miss Maude Valerie White. She was famous as (1) water colour painter, (2) essayist, (3) philanthropist, (4) classical dancer, (5) composer of popular songs.
- 12.—Sir Walford Selby has a new appointment. He is British Ambassador to (1) Portugal, (2) U.S.S.R., (3) Holland, (4) Turkey, (5) Belgium.
- 13.—The King of the Hellenes visited London. He is King (1) Alexander, (2) Boris III., (3) George II., (4) Nicholas, (5) Carol.

Arts and Books

- 14.—"Imperial City" is a long novel by Elmer Rice. The city depicted is (1) Rome, (2) New York, (3) Vienna, (4) Mexico City, (5) Athens.

SCORE SHEET

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SCORE:

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WEEK-END PROBLEMS

By Hubert Phillips

PROBLEM I CHOCOLATES

ON each of three successive nights Mr. Palimpsest, manager of the Vanities, bought twelve boxes of chocolates for his chorus. The boxes are of three sizes, each costing an exact number of shillings. The total cost of one box of each size is 15s. Mr. Palimpsest bought a different selection each night, each selection costing him £3; on no occasion did his selection include equal numbers of two different-sized boxes.

What are the three prices at which boxes of chocolates are sold?

PROBLEM II DOUBLE ACROSTIC UPRIGHTS

"Down under," they are now on view—

And, when the spring comes, they'll come too.

RIGHTS

- (1) The "upper circle"—dark and cold.
- (2) For him, what matters most is gold.
- (3) A knightly custe of old Japan.
- (4) The key to a musician's plan.
- (5) The home of Sonja Henie's art.
- (6) In Wonderland she played her part.
- (7) His rhapsodies have earned him fame.
- (8) The peace we seek is in her name.
- (9) Few brighter stars adorn the sky.
- (10) Here's daffodil, or pheasant's eye.

(Answers on Page Three)

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Chinese Women—AN ESSAY BY

T. Paul Gregory

THERE is no more fascinating and at the same time more debatable subject than that of "woman." Her influence in the scheme of human progress is so inefably great that it is impossible of being casually summed up; for is it not the consummate truth "that the hands which cradle the babe rule the world?" Her position, too, has been a diverse and ceaselessly changing one. Mankind has grudgingly conceded her the elemental rights which are hers by inheritance, and thus we find that in those lands of the West where the Code Napoleon is in force, her position may be justly said to be somewhat inferior to that of her sisters in those countries which have progressed further in achieving a more equitable state of true democracy.

IN none of the countries of the globe, however, has the position of woman undergone more vicissitudes than in China. She has fulfilled in this ancient land an ever varying role throughout the ages. Indeed, in one era, she has held a position of equality with man, and in another she has been relegated to a station of the most abject humility. Thus we find that in the ever-memorable Han dynasty, women were granted the rights of holding public office and competing upon terms of equality with men in the public examinations, and there are numerous examples in Chinese history which attest the eminence of the talents of the educated Chinese women of that illustrious epoch. One of those talented ladies was Cheuk Man-kwan, who is credited with being one of the most skilled poetesses of her day. In fact, one of her compositions is so highly appreciated that it is often quoted at the present day as it is entirely modern in its conception and theme. This is the famous poem written in answer to her husband who wished to take a concubine—a lady whom it is alleged possessed no little wealth, and whose probable dowry was the object of her husband's intentions. The concluding lines are especially famous:

"Naam-nui chung yi-hei,
Hoh-yung ts'in-to wai"
"It is important that men
and women have right prin-

ciples, so why lower them to
a mere question of money?"

THERE was one outstanding factor which distinguished the women of China in the not so distant past, and that was the practice of *chin-keuk* or foot-binding. This is a subject which has been made the field of much laboured investigation on the part of Chinese students of sociology who have ventured to express the probable date of the commencement of the practice. Needless to say, they have not succeeded in unearthing any very satisfactory data respecting the actual period when this peculiar and excruciatingly painful custom became established. Popular tradition, however, affirms that the dubious honour of having set the fashion should be given to a court lady named Yiu-neung, who was incidentally the favourite concubine of Lei Hau-chue, an effeminate prince whose downfall terminated the so-called Southern T'ang dynasty, circa. A. D. 975. There is, moreover, a statement in a 12th century Chinese work entitled *Tu-shan Ts'ing-wu* that "Yiu-neung, the concubine of Lei Hau-chue, was slender and beautiful, and an accomplished dancer. He (Lei Hau-chue) had golden lilies made; six feet in height, adorned with precious stones, and amongst the lilies he set (images) of sunny clouds, upon which he caused Yiu-neung to dance, with her feet compressed by bandages into the shape of the new moon." So attractive did the beauty appear that the Chinese poets of that age composed many verses relating to the incident, in one of which occurs the following lines:

"Lin chung fa kang ho,
Wan lui yuet ch'ung-san"
"Amongst the lilies yet a
fairer flower,
Amongst the clouds an ever-
escent moon."

CHINESE legend likewise affirms that another famous beauty of the past was the possessor of bound feet. This beautiful lady was named P'oon Kwai-wei and lived during the sixth century A. D. Unkind tradition affirms that she was the possessor of clubbed feet, and in order to conceal this she caused them to be ensnared in silk. Her mining gait was the source of much delight to her lord and master, an effeminate prince by name of Tung Huen-han; so much so that he ordered the artisans of his court to pave the palace floor with a mosaic of golden lilies, and when his tiny

favourite walked across it, he is reputed to have exclaimed: "Po-po shaang kam-fa!"—"Every footstep, of you, my love, makes a lily grow!" From this incident, the Chinese allege that the poetical term for bound feet—*kam-lin* or "golden lilies"—was derived.

Most Chinese scholars, however, state that the practice of compressing the feet does not date further back than the 10th century. Most of the poets of the effulgent T'ang dynasty—the so-called "Golden Age" of China—dedicated many an erotic verse in praise of women's bare feet. In fact, one of these poets was the celebrated Li Po who, seemed to have been like Rossetti and Swinburne, a connoisseur not only of wine but also of female beauty, and his poems in praise of the fair sex have no allusion whatever to artificial compression.

It may be interesting to note that the reasons advanced for this singular practice are many and conflicting. The real reason, however, is alleged to be a sexual one, but statements in support of this theory cannot

obviously be given here, although the reader may find a full account in the medical works of Dr. Martin of Peking, and quoted in *extenso* in certain of the volumes of that admirable monographic series "The Psychology of Sex" by the English savant Mr. Havelock Ellis.

DURING the Ts'ing or Manchu dynasty, the practice was widespread, although the Manchus conquerors as well as the Hakkas of Kwangtung Province did not permit their womenfolk to indulge in such an invidious custom, and in the third year of reign of the Manchu monarch, K'ang-hsi, circa 1664, an edict was promulgated "forbidding the practice under dire penalties, in the case of all female infants born subsequent to the first year of the emperor's reign." The newly-established Manchu government, however, thought it best not to interfere too much with the established customs of the Sons of Han, so the decree was abrogated in 1668, at the instance of the Board of Rites. Indeed, it remained for the efforts of Christian missionaries in the latter part of the last century to sow the seed which led to the ultimate exposure of the folly of the age-old custom. Nowadays, however, one scarcely ever sees a pair of bound feet, unless it is in certain of the country districts in the remote hinterland, where some of the ladies of the older generation cling tenaciously to the now-outlawed and repudiated custom. As far as the younger generation is concerned, foot-binding has been non-existent for well over a generation, and the Chinese girl of to-day can well boast that she possesses the most exquisitely proportioned pair of feet of any of Mother Eve's daughters.

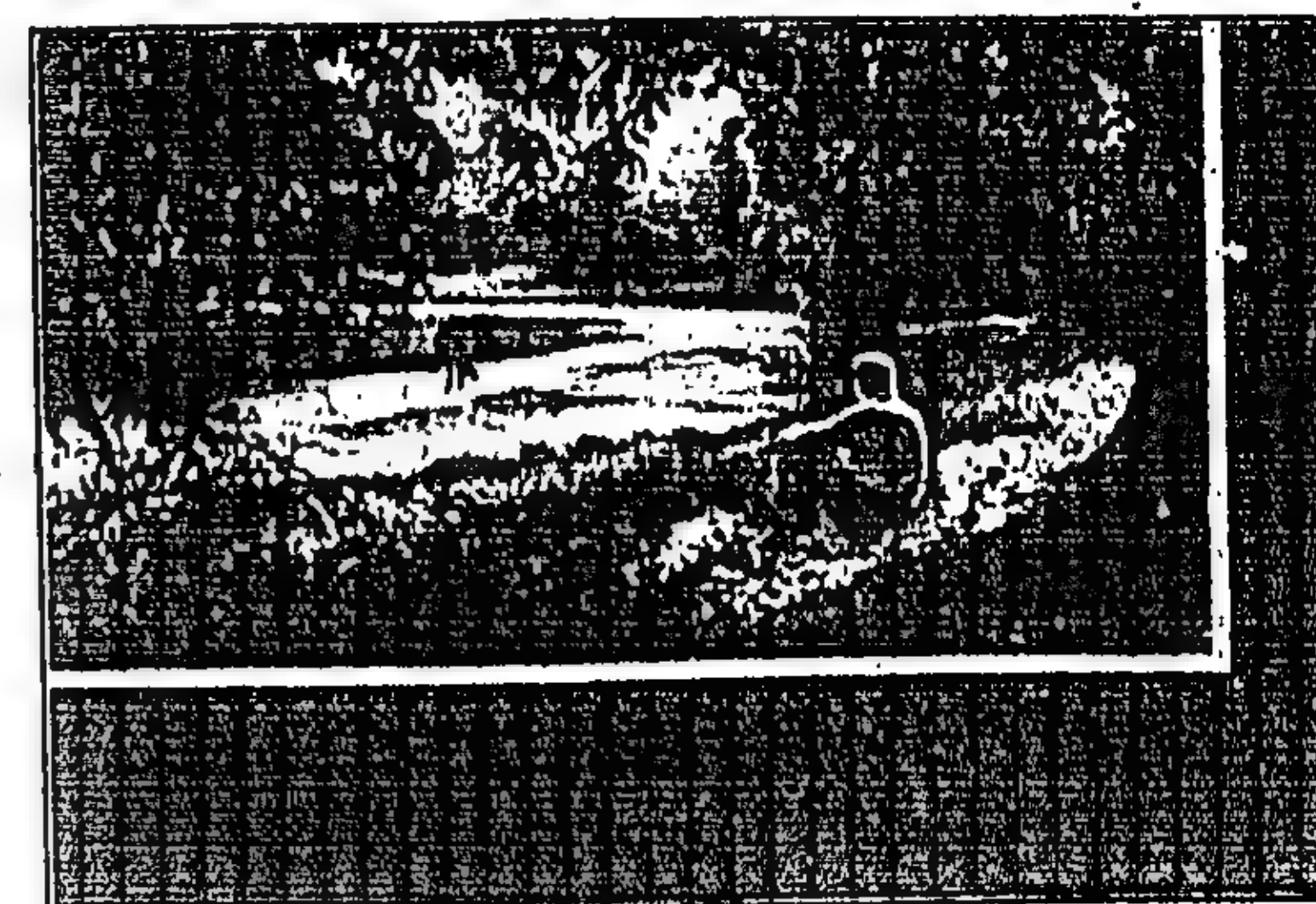
THERE is another phase of Chinese custom which has been heroically handled by the exponents of feminine emancipation and that is the question of more hygienic dress for women. Until some twenty years ago, the prevailing style of female apparel was the smock and pair of trousers such as may be seen to this day in the case of Chinese women of the servant or lower-

middle class. The tastefully cut and well-designed long gown of the gentlewoman of to-day was not introduced until about fifteen years ago. About this time, too, physical culture for women was first advocated, and the question of hygienic dress came up. The foremost amongst these leaders of reform was one whose name should be enshrined as one of the most farsighted men of his generation—Dr. Chue Ku-wa, a member of the Kwangtung Provincial Government and concurrently Commissioner of Civil Affairs during the years 1917 to 1919. This gentleman realised that in order to build up a strong nation, much depended upon the creation of a healthy womanhood; for is it not said "that the girls of to-day are the mothers of to-morrow?" With this end in view he began to fearlessly advocate that all Chinese girls in the city's schools must adopt a more sensible method of dressing, and should no longer follow the practice of *ch'uk-hung* or "confining the free development of the feminine chest by tight undergarments." The new movement was termed *kaat-hung* or "loosening the chest" and at its initiation was regarded by conservative families with loathing and even dread. In fact, the new scheme was in positive contradiction to the Chinese ideas of feminine appearance and even morality; for in the case of a young girl to be otherwise than "flat-chested" was deemed the acme of indecency. However, the Commissioner of Civil Affairs decreed that, if a girl did not follow the dictates of hygienic requirements, she could not attend school, and inspectors were appointed to see that the regulation was carried out. Fortunately, after some preliminary haggling and reticence, the justifiable antagonism of the more advanced of the population was gradually overcome, and as we look upon the splendid specimens of young Chinese womanhood of the year 1937 we can affirm with pride and admiration "that the young woman of modern China can hold her own with any of her sisters in any country of the globe."

THE introduction of the style of bobbed hair is likewise of comparatively recent origin and dates no further back than 1922. Even at that date the exponents of the novel style of hair-dressing first advocated by Irene

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

CHECK UP ON YOURSELF



Do your summer prints show the care this one does—the deft framing of foliage, judicious placing of figures, strong shadows against brilliant highlights and full exposure for shadow detail? Will trimming them help, as trimming on the white line helps balance this picture? When you make a mistake, do you note it down, so you can avoid it in the future? It's a helpful idea.

FALL is a season for taking stock in many businesses. It is also a good time for the amateur cameraman, after a busy summer, to take stock of himself and his work. Are you improving? Are you taking better pictures now than you were six months or a year ago? And if not, why not?

If, perchance, you aren't improving as rapidly and steadily as you think you should, I'll venture this is the reason—you aren't studying your mistakes.

The first spare hour you have, why don't you collect all your summer prints and single out those that are bad—the portraits made in harsh sunlight with no provision for the shaded side of the face, the landscapes with dead foregrounds and no "framing" of trees or foliage, the prints that show blank white skies, without clouds or tone.

Recall the scene and then write down on the back of each print what you should have done to make the picture good.

If you have a blank sky or very thin clouds, note down that you should have used a filter.

If a portrait has no detail on the shady side, note that you should have used a reflector near the face on that side, even if it was only a

sheet of cardboard or a white picnic cloth spread in the sun.

If a landscape is dead, analyze it and recall the scene. Maybe by backing up a little or moving to one side, you could have included a gracefully-curving tree branch fairly close to the camera, to give the picture depth and a natural frame. Maybe by a change of position you could have included a path or a hedge that would lead the eye gradually across and into the picture. Write on the back of the print what you should have done.

Maybe you have child pictures in which backgrounds are mottled and confused, sticking up in meaningless fashion behind the subject. Another background, a change of viewpoint, might have made each picture perfect. Write down what you should have done.

After you have noted these mistakes, don't just stick the prints away and forget them. Use them as a reference file. Take a few out on your picture-making jaunts and be mindful of them when new picture chances arise.

Learn what you do wrong—decide how to do it right—think before you shoot. Here is one of the secrets of picture-making success.

John van Guilder.

Castle the American *dansereuse* in 1917, were few and far between, and it is recorded that the practice of short locks, like that of leaving aside the extremely tight-fitting *sai-shan* or chemise of the old-fashioned woman, was assumed to be too exotic and devilishly daring to be immediately acceptable. Indeed, in the year 1927 during the days of the ill-fated Communist *putch* at Canton, young women with short locks were alleged to be amongst those who disseminated

the hated "Red" doctrines, so that after the suppression of the movement by the troops of the Kuomintang, women with bobbed hair were in positions of eminent peril. It is a pity that suspicion was directed against those who had adopted this style of coiffure. It is stated that during the subsequent purge, "many a maid with bobbed hair met an untimely fate—not the speedy death of the bullet, but a shameful and agonising one in the hands of a fiendish soldiery."

TEST ANSWERS

Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I CHOCOLATES

The three prices are 10s., 4s., 1s.
Mr. Palimpsest buys:
(1) 5 boxes at 10s., 1 at 4s., 6 at 1s.
(2) 3 boxes at 10s., 7 at 4s., 2 at 1s.
(3) 2 boxes at 10s., 10 at 4s.

PROBLEM II A R C T I C U S U R I S A M U R A I T O N I C K R I N K A L I S C E L I S Z T A L T A I R N A R C I S S U S

Current Affairs:
(1) 3 (9) 4 (17) 5
(2) 2 (10) 2 (18) 1
(3) 4 (11) 5 (19) 5
(4) 5 (12) 1 (20) 2
(5) 3 (13) 3 (21) 3
(6) 4 (14) 2 (22) 3
(7) 2 (15) 4 (23) 1
(8) 1 (16) 3 (24) 4

There were two misprints in last week's answers: Q. 1. Queen Elizabeth has been made a Doctor of Literature. Q. 14. Tchaikovsky was, of course, a composer.

The Sapphire Case

Playfair had spotted—what his colleague Truefit had overlooked—that the letter to Mrs. Hellefont was in code. "Every second counts." Taking every second word of each sentence, he read:
"Wait for me five to-morrow with syndicate papers you know where."
This message confirmed his suspicions. All he had to do now was—having ostentatiously withdrawn his subordinates from Mrs. Hellefont's flat—to shadow her to the place of meeting with Sapphire.



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GORDON'S

— OF COURSE



George Goncharoff and Mutal Fielder performing a specialty dance in the Philharmonic's production of "The Arcadians". This photograph was taken during the dress rehearsal. (Photo: King's Studio).



"The Arcadians" take their final bow at the Queen's Theatre in the successful Philharmonic Society's production. Another picture taken at the dress rehearsal. (Photo: King's Studio).

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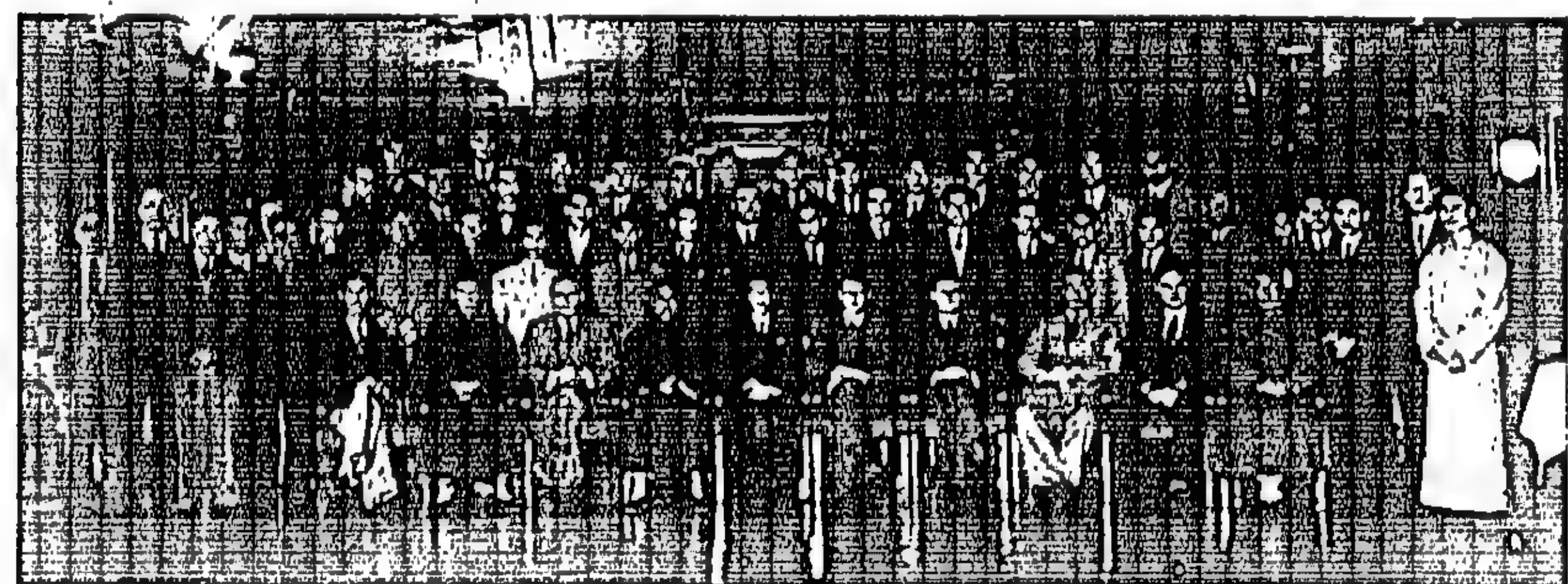
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Ladies' Salon

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The 13th re-union party of the St. Louis School Old Boys' Association was being held at the School House when this picture was taken on Sunday last. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



Flashlight picture taken at the a farewell party given by the officers and staff of the Chinese Police Department, Central Headquarters, at the Hongkong Hotel, to Mr. Ip Kam-kwong on the occasion of his retirement from Government service. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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FIGHTING IN SNOW

Loyalists Taking Offensive

Madrid, Dec. 17. A communiqué states that operations on the eastern front are being continued with satisfactory results.—United Press.

Salamanca, Dec. 17. A Nationalist radio broadcast admitted the continuance of Loyalist attacks despite snow. It is indicated, however, that the attacks have been repulsed.—United Press.

Frontier reports state that the Loyalist drive is one of considerable strength in which tanks are being used freely. It is quite apparent that activity in eastern and north-eastern Spain is just starting.—United Press.

British Tramp Steamers To Lose Subsidy

London, Dec. 17. December 31 marks the end of the subsidy which was made available for tramp shipping in respect of each of the three years, 1935 to 1937, under the British Shipping Assistance Act, and which was paid in respect of two years, 1935 to 1936.

The subsidy will not be payable in respect of the current year as the average level of freight rates for 1937 will exceed the average for 1935. Arrangements are being made to wind up the work of the tramp shipping subsidy committee, which was set up in accordance with the act.—British Wireless.

Italian Flier Undaunted

Rome, Dec. 17. The Italian airman, Mario Stoppani, who started yesterday on a non-stop flight from Sardinia to Latin America, but made a forced landing on the coast of Algeria owing to bad weather, announced that he will attempt a long-distance flight from Cadiz shortly.—Reuter.

WAR REFERENDUM NOT NECESSARY

Washington, Dec. 17. President F.D. Roosevelt at a press conference to-day expressed the view that a referendum on war was not consistent with a representative form of government, and that an amendment to the United States Constitution proposed by Congressman Ludlow, which would make a national referendum necessary for a declaration of war.

Mr. Cordell Hull had previously expressed opposition to the amendment.

President Roosevelt refused to comment on the Panay incident.—Reuter.

FRANCO-CZECH ALLIANCE

Prague, Dec. 17. A declaration that the alliance between France and Czechoslovakia is not aimed at any other country was made by the Premier of Czechoslovakia at a banquet last night in honour of the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, who is visiting central European countries.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER CORPS DINNER

Captain T. Addis Martin, Corps Commander, presided at the annual dinner of the Corps 1st Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps held last night at Volunteer Headquarters. Others present included: Lieut.-Col. H. B. Anderson, M.C., Commandant of the H.K.V.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. B. D. C. Treat, M.C.; R.A. Major R. C. Gill, R.A.; Captain G. S. Frizelle, Captain P. S. Whitehead, R.A., Captain E. G. Stewart, Captain H. Owen Hughes, Lieut. F. W. T. Ross, 2nd Lieut. G. F. Rees, Lieut. Watson, Mr. Champkin (Police Reserve).

Hongkong Mail All Saved

The Hongkong mail aboard the flying boat Cynos, which crashed recently at Brindisi, has all been saved. The local Post Office to-day received the following message from the General Post Office, London: "Accident flying boat Cynos all mails your service received. All registered and great bulk ordinary items delivered."

The name of Mr. George McK. Park has been added to the list of Architects authorized to practice in Hongkong.

FEVERED WAR ACTIVITY IN NINE PROVINCES

(Continued from Page 1.)

and blankets in their haste to get away. A Japanese plane observed the retreat and directed the guns accordingly, which harassed the Chinese troops with intensive fire. Some of the Chinese divisions preserved good order, retaining their weapons and transport, while others abandoned all in their haste to escape.

Gate Of Death

At 10 p.m. the Ministry of Communications superb Chinese-style building along the road, the sole avenue to the waterfront, was set on fire. The building which contained ammunition blazed along the road and did not pass owing to the intensity of the heat. In consequence the roadway was jammed and the fire spread to a mass of cars, guns, anti-aircraft guns, bicycles and rickshaws. The Chinese troops then proceeded on foot to the Hsiao-shan Gate, leading to the waterfront, where a narrow opening remained. This was also jammed with vehicles which caught fire blocking access to the river entirely. Many Chinese troops perished here, their incriminated bodies forming a rampart across the gate.

Hundreds Drowned

Hundreds of Chinese troops were trapped within the walls. Then they crowded them using ladders and ropes and even tying clothing together for this purpose. Some of them jumped from the wall. Escaping thus the survivors sought boats and rafts in order to cross the Yangtze at Hsiao-shan, but these became overcrowded. In the words of a Chinese eye-witness "hundreds, perhaps thousands, were drowned."

In the meantime a valiant rear-guard action was fought in an attempt to stem the Japanese advance. Heavy machine-gunning continued during the night reaching its climax at midnight when the defenders were wiped out outside of the city walls, where eye-witnesses later saw more than a thousand Chinese dead.

The morning of December 13 found many Chinese troops still trapped inside the city, wandering about hungry and desperate, apprehending their fate at the hands of the Japanese. All were fully armed with rifles and machine-guns, appealing to foreigners to save their lives. Many gave up their arms inside the refugee zone and took off their uniforms.

Should Never Have Been Defended

Reports indicate that General Tchang-shen left at 8 o'clock the previous night. The Tungchi Gate, the principal gate in the south part of the city was the scene of the main Japanese attack which was heavily shelled and stormed, while the other gates were comparatively undamaged.

At Tungchi Gate the Chinese troops blew up the bridge over the moat in order to delay the attackers, but this manoeuvre was comparatively unsuccessful.

At 1 p.m. most of the city, including the centre and south was occupied by Japanese troops, while Chinese troops were holding a large portion of the north and centre. These Japanese patrols drove further north wiping out the Chinese on the morning of December 15.

The first definite news of the arrival of the Japanese troops was received at 1 p.m. on December 12, when Mr. Y. J. McDaniel, the Associated Press correspondent and a Russian mechanic employed in the refugee zone, reported meeting a Japanese patrol in the city.

At 1.30 p.m. the first Japanese flag was hoisted over the ridge south of the American Embassy, and many others were soon run up over the principal buildings.

The results of the struggle, particularly the collapse of the Chinese defenders confirmed the opinion of foreign observers, that Nanking should never have been defended.—Reuter.

DR. KOO WARNS POWERS AGAINST JAPAN

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Association and the London, Manchester and Bradford Chambers of Commerce. It was decided further to communicate with His Majesty's Government, urging it to press for an early recognition of the principal claims for damage to British property and interests in China, with a view to their being met at the earliest possible moment.

The committee was informed that the British Government had sent a general representation to the Japanese authorities at Dairen detaining certain cargoes of British non-combustible goods consigned to Shanghai, but which had been diverted by the shipping companies to Dairen owing to the hostilities, and that it was now making detailed representations based on the particulars of specific cases furnished by the committee.

Considerable evidence was produced that despite the repeated representations by the British Government, the Japanese military authorities were still raising many difficulties with regard to British property owners having access to their premises and businesses in the Hongkong and Yangtsepo districts of Shanghai, and it was decided to re-emphasize the importance of the matter upon the Foreign Office, and urge co-operation with the Government of the United States.—Reuter.

Paredes Will Fly To U.S.

Far East Tension May Affect Philippines' Plans

Washington, Dec. 17. The United States Joint Committee on Philippine Affairs said that it had been informed by Senator Paredes, Philippine Commissioner in the United States, that he was flying to Washington from Manila. He was due at Alameda on December 19. Senator Paredes is resuming his duties in Congress.

Other informed circles anticipate that Senator Paredes would probably call at the White House soon after his return with a view to acquainting President Roosevelt with latest Philippine developments. He may also possibly sound the presidential views on subsequent stages of the activities of the Joint Committee investigating the situation resulting from the Philippines independence campaign.

Many observers speculate as to whether the acute Oriental situation may influence later stages of the Committee's deliberations. Senator Paredes may assume the Chairmanship of the Philippines group, instead of Senator Yulo.

The Paredes incident has further complicated the outlook on an early solution of the Philippines problem. Apparently it has had the effect of making the executive branches of the Government and the more conservative sections of Congress, cautious with regard to any commitments, but it is the consensus of opinion that if the issue is forced through the present Congress there is a possibility that the majority will vote for earlier independence.

Under these circumstances it is believed that the more responsible political elements are likely to look to President Roosevelt for guidance.—United Press.

New Laws On Betting In Hongkong

A notification in the Government Gazette issued this morning stated that as from April 1, 1938, on every bet made on any totalisator or pari-mutuel authorised under the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, there shall be charged a duty of two per cent. of the amount paid, contributed or subscribed.

The old resolution that the duty be charged on the scale determined by the Legislative Council on September 13, 1934, has been revoked.

Telegraph which effect the new scale of duty would have on the Hongkong Jockey Club, Mr. S. A. Sloop this morning, stated that the effect would be only very slight. The Government now charges duty on a sliding scale, whereas the new flat which would make little difference to the Jockey Club, said Mr. Sloop.

The old scale reads as follows: "Where in any year ending on March 31 the total gross receipts from the sale of tickets at such totalisator or pari-mutuel do not exceed \$3,000,000, one per cent. do not exceed \$3,000,000 but do not exceed \$4,000,000, 1½ per cent. do not exceed \$4,000,000 but do not exceed \$5,000,000, 2 per cent. do not exceed \$5,000,000 but do not exceed \$6,000,000, 2½ per cent. do not exceed \$6,000,000, 3 per cent."

WORLD ARMAMENTS COST HEAVILY

Geneva, Dec. 13. The League of Nations' Armaments Year Book shows that world armaments expenditure for 1937 reached the record sum of 7,100,000,000 old gold dollars (approximately 12,000,000,000 at the present rate) as compared with 5,800,000,000 old gold dollars in 1936. There are 8,500,000 men permanently under arms as compared with 7,000,000 in 1935.—United Press.

WILL LEAD ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT

St. Louis, Dec. 17. Mr. Frank Lead has been officially appointed to head the Committee formulating policies in order to attack President Roosevelt's administration during the coming campaigns.—United Press.

HOTEL SHOW PLANNED

The management of the Hongkong Hotel has arranged a special dinner dance to-night in the Grill Room with extension until 3 a.m., the occasion being for the reception of the Philharmonic Society after the show, when the cast, the artists and patrons will be in attendance. At this function will also appear Szita and Anis together with the famous Melody Follies, the latter being presented for the first time.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

London, Dec. 17. According to present arrangements the King and Queen will leave London next Wednesday for Sandringham, where the royal family will spend Christmas.

The name of Dr. Tai Len-hwon has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practice medicine in Hongkong.

H.K. MAN TELLS OF DANGEROUS NANKING DRIVE

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but leaped over the side of the car and ran fifty yards into the fields before flinging myself flat. Later I felt a little foolish because they did not open fire. We could see them peering out of the cockpits, and examining the car. I swear the British flag over the engine-hood saved us. They flew off to the west.

Took Greater Care

"We stayed about five minutes more in the paddyfield, as a friend said later 'disguised as a rice plant'. After that experience we were more careful and constantly watched for planes.

"Further on we came across a car which was returning from Nanking after delivering some British naval people at the capital. A big Union Jack was painted on the road when Japanese planes had dived on him the driver lost his head and instead of jumping out and sheltering in the ditch, he drove the car into it. It was very badly damaged. We sent to Shanghai for relief for him.

"Later we met a mud truck which had been attacked and destroyed. There was only an old man guarding it. We could not ascertain if anyone had been killed.

Rough Journey

"During the trip we had nine punctures and a blow-out at 40 miles an hour.

"We stopped at a small town to get repairs and found it almost deserted. A man told us it had been bombed a few hours previous and 200 were dead. The rest fled.

"We got new tyres in Nanking. A message had come through that the Chinese had retreated leaving only one road into the Settlement and this was supposed to be under shell fire, but we decided to chance it and collected all the stock we could possibly carry. We had to collect Mr. Chancellor, the manager of Reuters, who had been up to see Chiang Kai-shek and was anxious to return to Shanghai as soon as possible.

"We started off at 11.30 p.m. carrying the Official Mail from the British Embassy and Mr. Chancellor, the three of us sitting in the front and my machines behind. The car ran very well. The driver and I took hourly turns and were able to make very good time throughout the night. Only once were we stopped, and this by a Chinese soldier truck driver. He asked if we had seen a box on the road. It contained a gun and had dropped it off his truck. He was driving to the war front at Shanghai. We drove fast aiming to break as possible, but ran into fog by the Grand Canal and with this fog on one side and a paddy field on the other we really had to slow down.

Met Three Bombers

"We met three huge bombers about two miles out of Shanghai. We dashed off into the fields again but they had not seen us so we drove at high speed into the Settlement. Our constant worry on the way back was whether we would be able to get into the Settlement before the Japanese took the last road, fortunately the road was still clear but I am very glad we left when we did.

Shanghai is probably the dirtiest town in the world, but it seemed like heaven driving along the tree lined streets and not having to constantly watch the skies. I had had five hours' sleep in three days. The journey up took eighteen hours and the return twelve. The car ran perfectly the whole way.

Throughout the journey we met with the utmost courtesy and assistance from the military and police. The Union Jack spread over the bonnet and one from the radiator had a great effect. It was different than one usually meets when up-country in China. Country people would come up to the car and point to the flag and explain to their friends that this was the British Flag and I was English, so different from their usual indifferent manner.

"It was amazing to see the way the public services are carrying on, the buses, trains and posts. Although the roads and train tracks are being continually bombed, these people manage to keep their essential services going. At every bridge on the road there is a man waiting and if the bridge or road is bombed he immediately informs the elder of the nearest village who collects a square of men who quickly make the repairs."

STOCK MARKET CHEERFUL

London, Dec. 17. Sentiment was cheerful on the London Exchange to-day, and the majority of prices were well maintained despite sporadic profit-taking. Mexican Eagles were exceptionally active on selling and Argentine Halls were marked up on reports of a demand that increased rates be granted. Commodities and wheat eased on American straddle selling. Wall Street opened steadily.—Reuter's Special.

DICTATOR ORDERS LEAGUE LIVES

Geneva, Dec. 17. Italian officials of the League and the International Labour Office to-day attended a meeting at the Italian Consulate where they were informed that it was desirable they should resign from their positions. They would have to take the consequences if they remained at Geneva. Thus all are morally obliged to resign, except for a few who have anti-Fascist sympathies.—Reuter.

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra LONDON RELAYS

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (952 m.c.s.). 11.15 P.

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 A Ballad and Piano-forte Concert.

Turkish March (from 'The Ruins of Athens'—Beethoven, arr. Rubinstein); Espenlaub (Concert Etude No. 4—Emil von Sauer); Emil von Sauer (Piano); Full Sail (Graves-Buck); Sea Winds (Askew-Harrison); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone); Dance Creole (Charmade); Pierrette (Charmade); Una Bourne (Piano); Without The Moon; San Diego Betty (film 'Mayfair Melody'—Dyrenforth-Smith); Keith Folkner (Baritone); Hunting Song (Mendelssohn); Song Without Words—Major (Mendelssohn); Benno Moisewitsch (Piano).

1.00 Time and Weather. 1.03 Musical Comedy Selections. 'Please Teacher'—Selection (Walker and Turnbull); 'Tullin Time'—Selection (Slevier and Wark); New Mayfair Orchestra; 'Lido Lady'—Selection (Rodgers); Savoy Orpheans.

1.20 Waltzes. Acclamation Waltz (Waldteufel); The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel, arr. Winterbottom); Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards; Cond. by Capt. George Miller.

1.30 Réuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety.

Orchestra—Harry Roy Stage Show; Harry Roy and His Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southampton); Vocal—Wine Waltz (Schulze-Buch); To-day Is The Day (Schulze-Buch); Herbert E. Groh (Tenor); Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 3; Charlie Kunz; Cinema Organ—Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir); Escapade (A Mexican Elopement—Phillips); Al Bollington; Orchestra—Don't Say Goodbye—Quickstep; Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

4.00-7.00 Chinese Programme. 7.00 Viola and 'Cello Solos. Ave Maria (Schubert, arr. Wilhelm); Canarie Vienne (Kreiser—Op. 2); Naoum Blinder (Violin); Danche De Paques Sur La Mer (Dupont, arr. Feuilleard); Maurice Marechal (Violoncello); Improvisation on a Japanese Tune (Zimbalist); Extrem Zimbalist (Violin).

7.20 Haydn—Quartet In C Major, Op. 1, No. 6.

Played by the Pro Arte Quartet.

7.30 Chopin Nocturnes.

Nocturne In F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne In B Major, Op. 9, No. 3.

7.40 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market.

7.45 London Relay—As I See It.

8.00 Time Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Negro Spirituals.

I've Been Busted; Gwinn Lay Down My Life; Go Down; Moses (arr. Edna Thomas); Edna Thomas (Soprano); I'm Goin' To Tell Good All O' My Troubles (arr. Brown); Deep River (Burleigh); Paul Robeson (Bass).

8.15 London Relay—'London Lok'.

A talk by Cyril Gardner.

8.25 Light Orchestra and Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

8.30 Pictoramas—Angelus; Petes Boheme (Massenet); The London Palladium Orchestra Cond. Richard Cream; Through The Years (Heyman-Youmans); Dusty (L. and O. Rene); Nelson Eddy; Forget It, And Smile (Bohmelt); Pusztai (Mihaly); Barnabas Von Geary and His Orchestra; Charm Of The Valse (arr. Winter); The London Palladium Orchestra Cond. Richard Cream.

8.40 London Relay—For the Colonial Service.

Talks on matters of interest to Government Servants in the Colonial Service.

9.00 A concert by John McCormack (Tenor) and Backhaus (Piano).

Prelude And Fugue No. 22 In B Flat Minor (Bach); Source De Vie (No. 6 (Schubert); Backhaus; O Gathering Clouds (arr. Baint); Love's Secret (Blake-Bantock); John McCormack (Tenor); Intermezzo In E Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1; Intermezzo In B Flat Minor, Op. 117, No. 2 (Brahms); Backhaus.

9.10 Jeanie With The Light Brown Hair; Sweetly She Sleeps, My Alice Fair (Easter); John McCormack.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

That Old Feeling; 2. Turn on That Red Hot Heat; 3. Lovely One; 4. Runnin' Wild.

10.10 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.15 Blossoms on Broadway; 6. Sleep, You're breaking my heart; 7. Whispers in the dark; 8. Public Melody No. 1.

10.30 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.40 9. Song of the Islands; 10. One Rose; 11. Sweet Lullaby; 12. Medley of Hawaiian Hula.

10.55 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

11.00 13. Make a wish; 14. Smarty; 15. The Moon Got into My Eyes; 16. After you.

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New books in gay-coloured jackets, one after the other, they stream down like a miniature Niagara, flashing hypnotically in their fall. "One, two, three, four, five... fifty... five hundred... a thousand... But, long before "eleven thousand" (the round total of new books issued in a year), I am dozing off—to dream fitfully, perhaps, about a publisher.

Any morning for the past few weeks I have found ten or twelve or twenty volumes piled on my desk, awaiting my Considered Critical Opinion. And so it will continue, for this is the peak period of publishing. Longer nights, chairs by the fireside, presents for Christmas—all that means more books.



That is the publisher's dream.

Of that eleven thousand, about one half are novels. Eight hundred come under "Biography and Memoirs." And six hundred are political. But, remember, more than five thousand novels...

Now, it is not only physically impossible for me to read all those books. I cannot read even half of those that look worth while.

They float away, lost in the flood of indifferent and bad books that swirls along. Victims of the indiscriminate tactics of so much publishing to-day, they point the moral of my argument here—that publishers do not sufficiently realise their duty towards the people who keep them in being by buying their books.

For publishing is no ordinary business. I should like to see written over every publisher's door, "The goods we handle here can be social stimulus or social dope."

I know publishers who choose their authors with discretion and a definite sense of their responsibility to the reading public. Firms with the high standard that goes with a social conscience.

Despite which, as that spate of literary rotums and jettans so clearly proves, certain aspects of publishing are giving the profession an increasing air of irresponsibility.

Remember that the publisher is

naturally in the business—and it is essentially a chancey, hazardous business—for a profit, although the economics of publishing—and, still more, of authorship—are among the higher mysteries. A sale of five hundred copies of a novel has been described to me by a publisher as "a good sale for a financial failure." On a sale of two thousand the author stands to earn about £75 and the publisher £250.

Above that figure income and profits increase proportionately. A novel selling ten thousand is in the best-selling class. In the extremely rare case of a novel whose sales have reached a hundred thousand, the author should make from £8,000 to £10,000 and the publisher rather more.

Non-fiction? Well, a biography selling a thousand copies at 15s. might make £150 for its author and rather more for its publisher. But the close-packed ranks of that eleven thousand, novels and general literature, are thinned by hundreds of dead-loss casualties.



Which goes to show why the publisher's day-to-day philosophy is, "Let the successful books pay for the failures." He is, therefore, always hoping that at least one goose out of his crowding seasonal flocks will turn out to be a shining, best-selling swan.

Such successes are few and far between, but the publisher goes on hoping—and publishing. This is still a free country for publishers. Anyone, with the time and money, can launch a book, regardless of whether it is really needed or not, regardless of the ominous fact that the great bulk of contemporary fiction is, sooner rather than later, sunk without trace.

That, I am sure, is one of the main reasons why we are overwhelmed with books, choked and suffocated by them—and, more often than not, I fear, bemused and doped. For indiscriminate

Asks Roger Pippett

publishing leads to indiscriminate reading. Some experts say it is the other way round. Anyway, there they both are, swinging along in their vicious circle.

No, what Douglas Jerrold (himself a publisher) has just called the New Dispensation in publishing has a lot to answer for.

Books are "stunted" too much and too often. Book after book is boosted clean out of its class—to the occasional demoralisation of the author and the neglect of other, and often worthier, books that come out at the same time.

And, long before that author is ready to write it, the publisher—and the author's public—is demanding another book from him. Very few novelists—I would almost say no novelists in sight—have it in them to turn out really good stuff every year for year after year. And so we get a stumbling procession of tired, under-written tales from over-driven pens.



What with the invasion of the "sixpennies," the rise of the book clubs and the mushroom spread of the twopenny libraries, the immediate future of the world of publishing is supremely unpredictable.

Of one thing I am certain—the more the publisher realises his responsibility to the public, the more he discriminates between the good and bad, the original and the hackneyed, the stimulating and the merely entertaining, the better it will be for all of us—readers, reviewers and publishers, too.

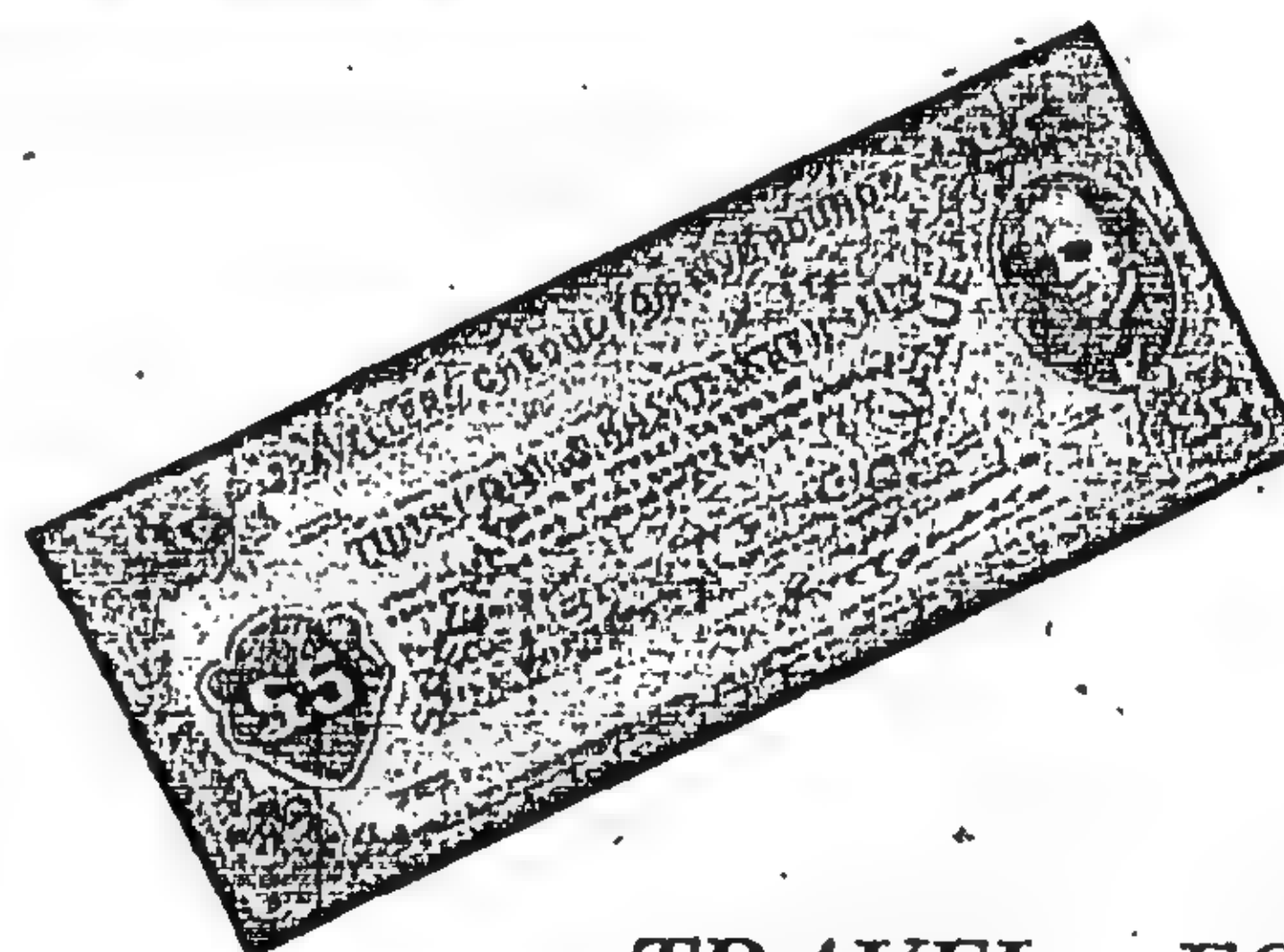
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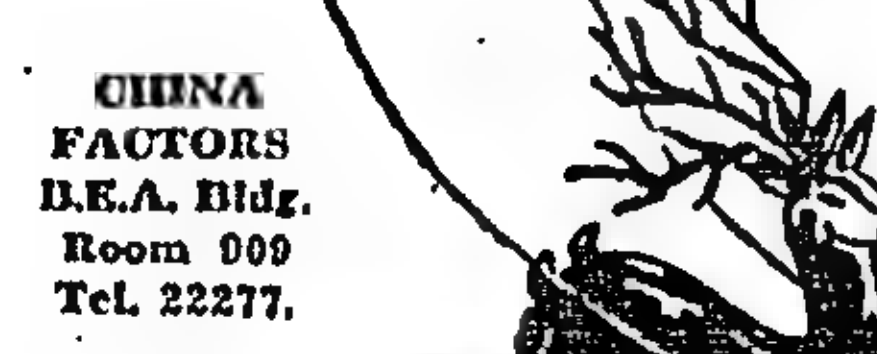
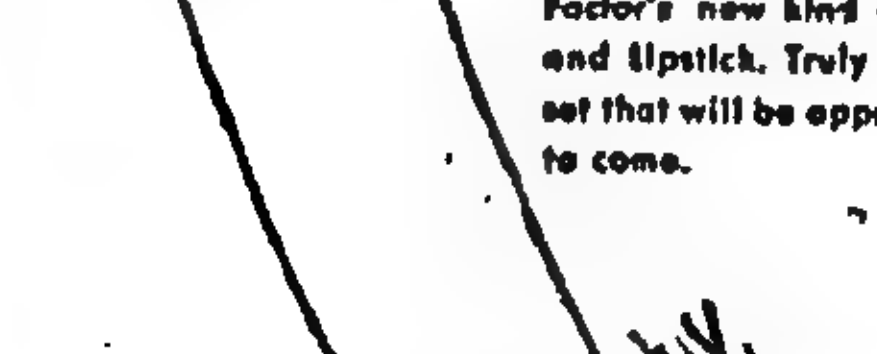
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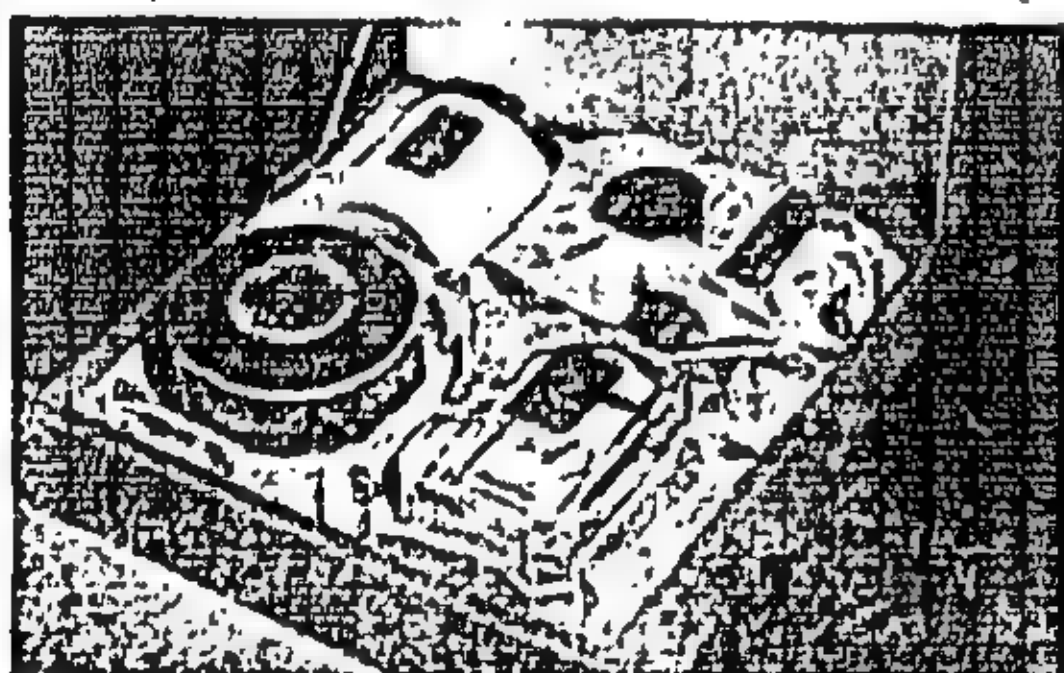
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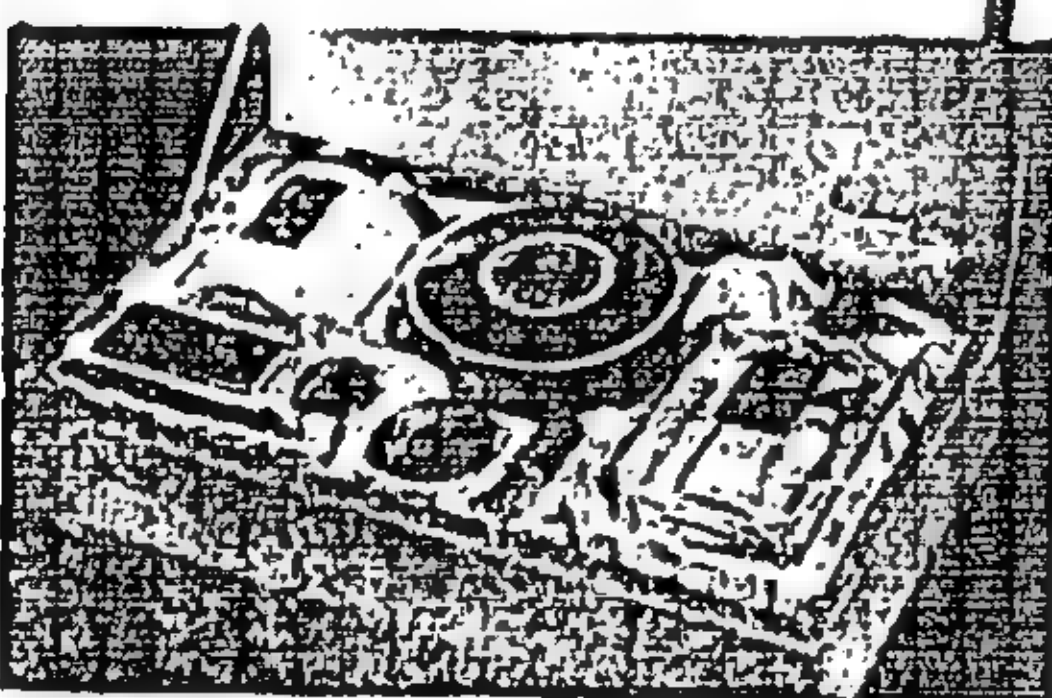
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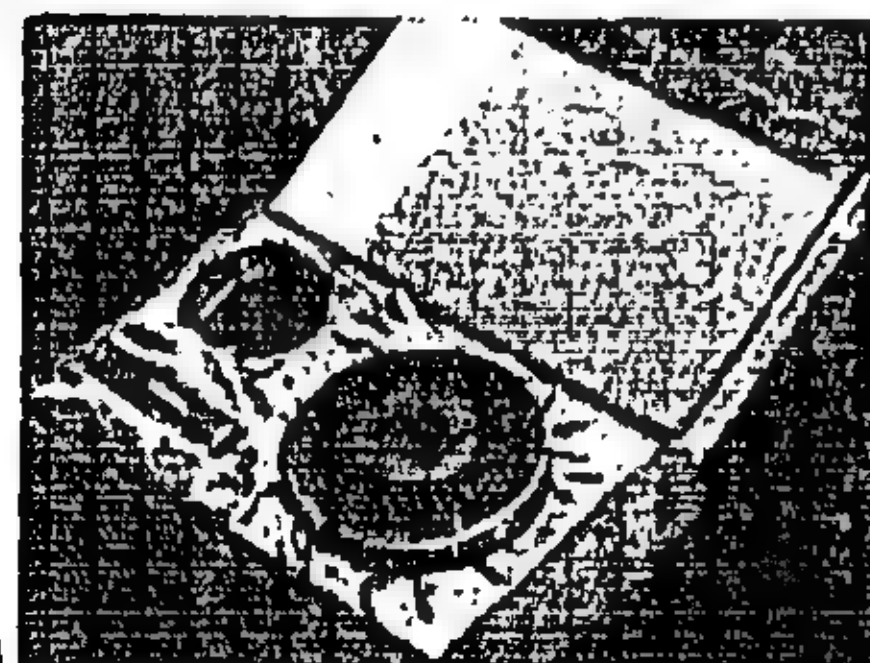
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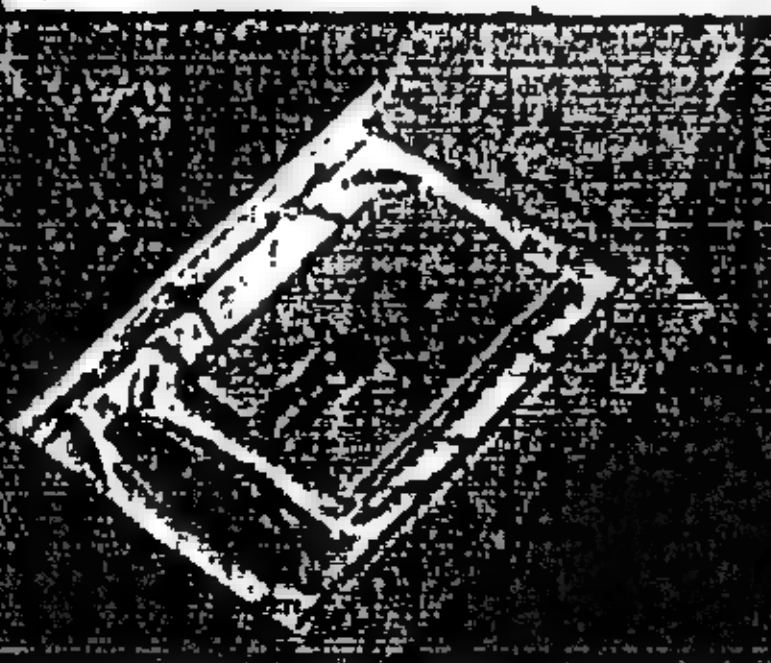
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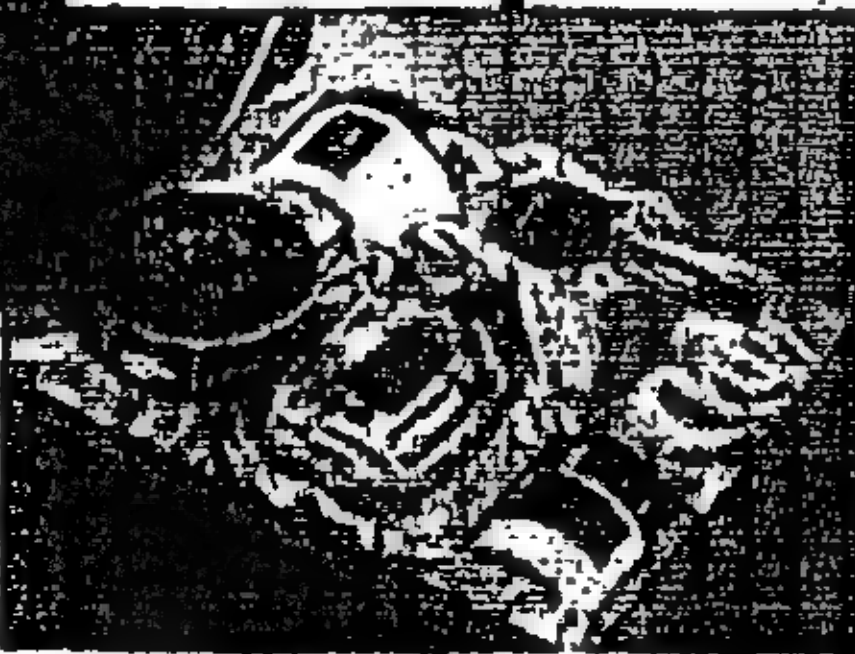
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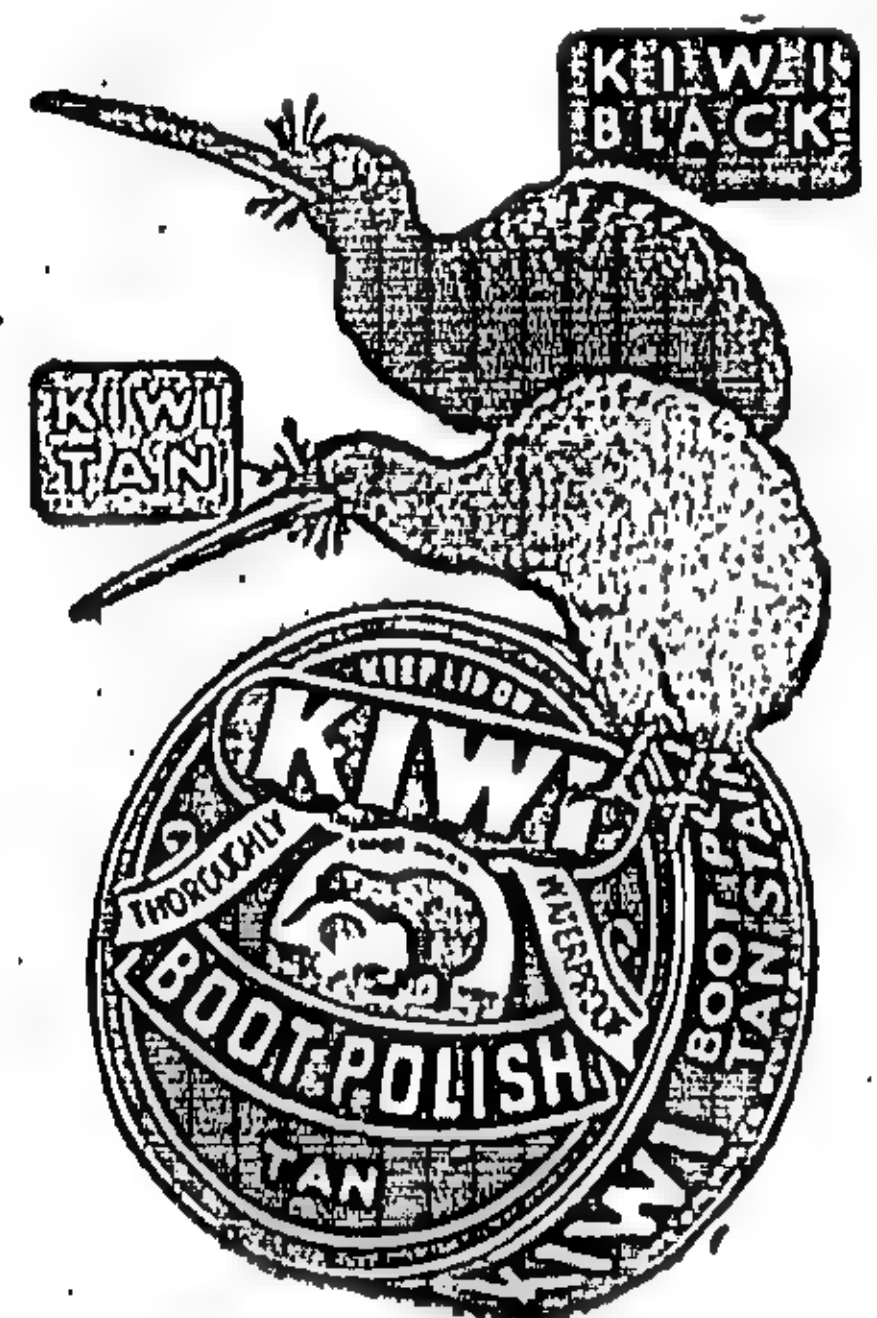
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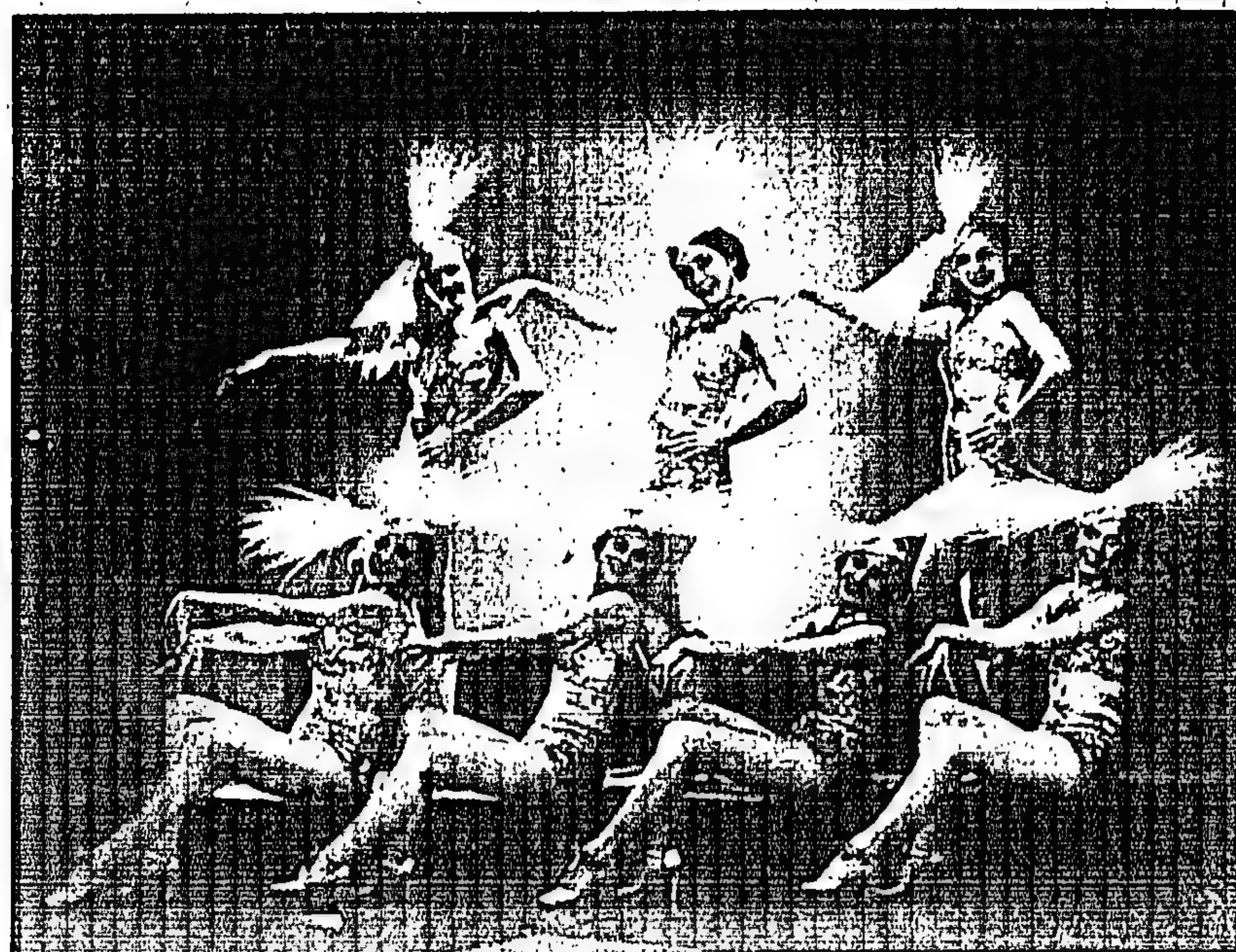
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Gems Work £12,000 Sought In Wreck Of Air Liner

JEWELLERY worth more than £12,000 is being sought at the scene of the air crash at Ostend which wiped out six members of the German royal house of Hesse.

It is believed the jewellery included a diamond diadem, two pearl necklaces and valuable rings and bracelets. Some of it has been found.

The gems were to have been worn by the grand duchess and the dowager grand duchess at Prince Ludwig's wedding.

Blue-eyed Princess Johanna Marina of Hesse, aged fourteen months, only member of the grand duke's family who was not killed in the disaster, is revealed as the richest child in Germany.

She played happily after the tragedy in her cot at the great lonely summer residence of a Wolfgarten, in Darmstadt, could not know that the household and the town of Darmstadt were in the deepest mourning, or that she had inherited the bulk of her dead father's fortune, says the Daily Express.

The unnamed and prematurely born infant whose body was found in the wreckage was buried in the same coffin as its mother, the twenty-six-year-old Grand Duchess Cecilia.

The new Grand Duke Ludwig, on his arrival from London, stood hand-

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS AT THE HONGKONG & PENINSULA HOTELS

The management of the Hongkong Hotel will, as usual, provide their guests with elaborate and exceptional entertainment for the holiday when Volsky and his Midnight Follies will make their first appearance in the city. Seven talented artists will present new and spectacular dance creations, superior to anything ever seen here before, the dances being novel and the costuming most

elaborate. The management is to be congratulated on securing such a talented group of entertainers for the holiday season.

Szita and Anis, two of the most attractive dancers to delight Hongkong socialites, are booked to appear at the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels during the Christmas festivities.

Patrons of the Hongkong Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel will be pleased to hear also that Szita and Anis, who have become so popular with hotel patrons, have had their engagement extended until the end of the year, and will appear nightly in conjunction with Volsky's Midnight Follies. Szita and Anis are probably the most pleasing and versatile pair ever seen here. They excel in comedy numbers as well as in straight exhibition dancing, and there is the best quality about everything they do.

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CLOSE BADMINTON MATCH AT TAIKOO LAST NIGHT

SAINTS JUST BEATEN FIRST WIN FOR THE HOME SIDE

Of the three matches scheduled for the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last evening, only one was played, the other two being postponed by mutual arrangement.

St. Andrew's visited Taikoo, and though they were confidently expected to win against the home side which had not won a single point from four matches, they were narrowly beaten, the issue going to the final game.

Taikoo won because G. A. Smith and Miss R. Summers, they had a pair who were better than any from the Saints. Smith and Miss Summers won all their three games, and a fine victory by A. Kew and Miss M. Fraser in the last and deciding game over H. Kew and Miss White gave the home side their initial victory.

C. Boydard's return also strengthened the Taikoo team quite a bit although he and his partner won only one game; this was a one-sided match against Kew and Miss White, who were beaten 21-0.

Taikoo led 2-1 at the end of the round, but at the end of the second the scores were tied at 3-3. Then E. F. Fincher and Miss Florrie Wong gave the Saints the lead by beating Boydard and Miss Cunningham. The second encounter in the last round saw a fine victory by Smith and Miss Summers over W. C. Choy and Miss Churn. Everything then depended on the final game between Kew and Miss Fraser, and Kew and Miss White, the former winning out at 21-15.

Scores:
G. A. Smith and Miss R. Summers (Taikoo) beat E. Fincher and Miss F. Wong 21-15; beat W. C. Choy and Miss M. Churn 21-15; beat H. Kew and Miss E. White 21-0.
A. Kew and Miss M. Fraser lost to Fincher and Miss Wong 21-7; lost to Choy and Miss Cunningham 21-12; lost to Smith and Miss Summers 21-15.
C. Boydard and Miss I. Cunningham lost to Fincher and Miss Wong 21-12; lost to Choy and Miss Churn 21-15; lost to Smith and Miss Summers 21-0.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	3	3	0	0	23	4	0
Kowloon Tong	4	3	1	0	23	13	0
Free Lancers	3	2	1	0	15	12	4
St. Andrew's	5	2	3	0	18	27	4
University	3	1	2	0	15	12	2
Taikoo	5	1	4	0	10	35	2
Recreio "B"	1	0	1	0	4	5	0

RECREIO FORGES AHEAD

Club de Recreio "A" advanced another step in the "A" Division of the Men's League last night when they defeated King's College by nine games to love, 8.



Badminton players who took part in the mixed doubles match between St. Andrew's and Taikoo on the latter's court last night. Front Row (left to right)—Misses Cunningham, Summers, Fraser, Churn, Wong and White. Back Row (left to right)—A. Kew, G. A. White, C. Boydard, H. Kew, W. C. Choy and E. F. Fincher.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

MAURICE TATE ILL

En Route For Argentine

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17.

Maurice Tate, the England and Sussex county cricketer, who is en route to South America with a cricket team on tour of the Argentine, is reported to be suffering from pneumonia and is not likely to play during the tour.

(Tate recently received notification from the county that his contract with the county would not be renewed next year.)

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Two strong Aftens have been selected by the Army and the Club in their Triangular Tournament rugby match at Sookumpoo this afternoon. This match, which will commence at 4 p.m., will be preceded by a game between H.M.S. Adventure and the Club "A" XV at 2.45 p.m.

P. Chan, who has strained his shoulder, was missing from the King's College team, but it is doubtful whether his presence would have made any appreciable difference to the final result.

Scores:
H. N. Chung and W. M. Cheung (King's College) lost to L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 11-12; lost to M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios 13-21; lost to H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros 13-21.

K. H. Lo and W. C. Cheung (King's College) lost to Carvalho and Silva 9-21; lost to Oliveira and Remedios 10-21; lost to Alves and Barros 5-21.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Liu (King's College) lost to Carvalho and Silva 1-21; lost to Oliveira and Remedios 16-21; lost to Alves and Barros 22-24.

FANLING HUNT RACES START TO-MORROW

FIVE INTERESTING EVENTS ON THE PROGRAMME

(By "Captain Foster")

The Fanling Hunt and Race Club will officially open its steep-leaching and hurdling season to-morrow at Kwanti when an attractive programme of five interesting events will be presented to the public.

For the convenience of racing fans, there will be a special train at 1.25 p.m. to Fanling and return at 5.50 p.m. to Kowloon. The Railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the Race Course. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

The Canberra Handicap, a steep-leaching for Australian ponies over one and a half miles, has drawn five entries, but Saltire has never jumped before the public and this will therefore be her maiden run. Glorious Star is a good leaper and I fancy him to win with Lucy Gitters and Juliette following behind.

The main event is the Ambulance Cup, a hurdle race for China ponies over 1 1/4 miles, and a special sweep is being conducted on this race. Beneth, China Clipper, Election Time and Lancashire Tich are new to the game of over the sticks, but China Clipper has the making of a good jumper and it is not a bad bet to follow. Widnes and Zero are old timers, the latter being my choice.

Very poor response in the way of entries has been received for the Taipei Handicap (a race for China ponies over 1 1/2 miles), there being only three nominations, Double Chance, Estover and Jan Stewer, and they should pass the winning post in the order named.

The December Country Cup for China ponies over the country course finishing on the race course is a

knotty problem for anything may happen; but, I am pleased to find the Happy Valley racer, Ebony Idol, among the list of entries. At this time last year, this blackie of L.L. Col. Dowbiggin was second carrying a jockey well 101 lbs. in the "B" division of the December Country Cup whereas to-morrow Ebony Idol has to tip the scale at only 165 lbs. I think your money is safe on this tag. However, Canary and Nebular Star are excellent country ponies and they should be well up at the finish.

The best field of the afternoon will undoubtedly be seen in the Ladies Scurry over half-a-mile sprint to be ridden by ladies. The Valley contingent is well represented by Anxy, Mac's Adventure and March Brown, the former being the winner of the Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes and is now the property of Miss P. Scott Hars-ton who is going to ride herself. My selections are as follows:

CANBERRA HANDICAP

Glorious Star
Lucy Gitters
Juliette

AMBULANCE CUP

Zero
Widnes
China Clipper

TAIPEI HANDICAP

Double Chance
Estover

SELECTIONS FOR RACES TO-DAY

Three "Champion" Events.

(By "Captain Foster")

There are eight races down for to-day's meeting at Happy Valley and my selections are as follows:

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MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS

The semi-finals of the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship have been arranged for to-day at the Chinese Recreation Club. H.D. Rummijn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Griffiths, while G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Burnett are scheduled to meet E. C. Fincher and Miss R. Perry.

The first of these games will start at 3 p.m., and the second at 4.30 p.m.—it is understood that the latter may be postponed, as the time is found unsuitable.

Jan Stewer

DECEMBER COUNTRY CUP

Ebony Idol
Canary
Nebular Star

LADIES' SCURRY

Araxy
Mac's Adventure
March Brown

Senior Shield Ties This Week-End

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(By "Abo")

Chief interest in local soccer during the week-end will be centred on the first round of the Senior Shield. Two matches will be played this afternoon and one to-morrow.

In an effort to lift the trophy, the Saints have obtained the services of four outstanding players, whose inclusion should strengthen the team considerably. Two of them are Servicemen, Pickering and Connor, right back and goal-keeper respectively of the Royal Ulster Rifles, who won the League championship last season. The other two are N. Beltrano and C. F. Remedios, two of the best half backs in Hongkong or Shanghai only a short while ago.

While Pickering and Connor are still taking an active part in the game, Beltrano and Remedios have laid off for a little time and it is problematical what their displays will be like this afternoon when the team clashes with Kowloon at Caroline Hill. I saw Pickering and Connor two weeks ago in the exhibition match against a Colony XI, and I feel safe in saying that they will not let the team down. If both Beltrano and Remedios are fit and have not lost their form, the Saints' defence will be a great stumbling block to the Kowloon forwards, who will find it difficult to get through.

Kowloon's record in Shield competitions is second to none in Hongkong, but it will have to play very well indeed to-day to negotiate to-day's hurdle.

CLUB STILL WEAK

The other game this afternoon is between the Club and Eastern at Happy Valley. I am afraid this game will not bear comparison with the other. The Club side does not seem to show any signs of improvement, though a Shield match may bring the best out of the players. The Chinese should win if they produce their normal form.

To-morrow afternoon the Police will play South China "A". With the Police, it is never safe to say what they will do, even against a formidable team like South China "A". The defence is sound, but the forwards lack thrust and too often scoring opportunities are thrown away. If, however, Howlett and Johnson are on the mark, the Chinese will not have things entirely their own way. South China "A" has paid the Police the compliment of fielding its full side for the engagement.

TEAMS SELECTED

St. Joseph's—Connor; Pickering, V. Costa; A. J. Hussain, N. Beltrano, C. F. Remedios; C. Marques, A. Ward, D. Leonard, J. Gomes and A. Alves. Kowloon—Rowlands; Souza, A. Ulrich; Evans, Bliss, O'Connor, W. Knox, Jorge, D. Knox, V. White and Honnibull.

Club—Skinner; Hill, Nogatzin; Hynes, J. Skinner, Wilson, Fisher, Scott, Fowler, Bickford and Sloan. Eastern—Sammy Tsang; Lo Wai-man, Kwok Ping-chung; Tsang Chung-wan, Ng Tak-wing, Lo Wai-kuen; Chan Ping-to, Soong Ling-sing, Lee Tack-kee, Kwok Ying-kee and Hsu Ching-to.

South China "A"—Choo Siow-hang; Mak Shiu-hon, Li Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi, Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheong, Cheuk Shek-kam and Cheong Moon-wing.

AMERICAN TURFMAN RETIRES

Baltimore, Nov. 24.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney has temporarily retired from the turf, and 15 of his horses have been sold for \$23,920. The sale was the most important of its kind in Maryland turf history.

Mr. Whitney regards his retirement merely as temporary and said recently that when he had an opportunity to devote personal attention to his stable he would be back in racing. In the meantime his wife has expanded her stable of jumpers by taking over some of her husband's former flat racehorses, which will be put to jumping.

The horse which won most money was Dauber, which was sold to Mr. W. Du Pont, Jun., a member of the Jockey Club, for \$29,000 (about £5,800), while The Chief, which was rated as Dauber's superior at the beginning of the season, was sold to Mr. Maxwell Howard for \$14,100 (about £2,820).

Three Horses In Dead-Heat At Cairo

Cairo, Nov. 25.

Three horses dead-heated for first place in the Aboukir Handicap for thoroughbreds, run here to-day over seven furlongs at the Heliopolis Racetrack.

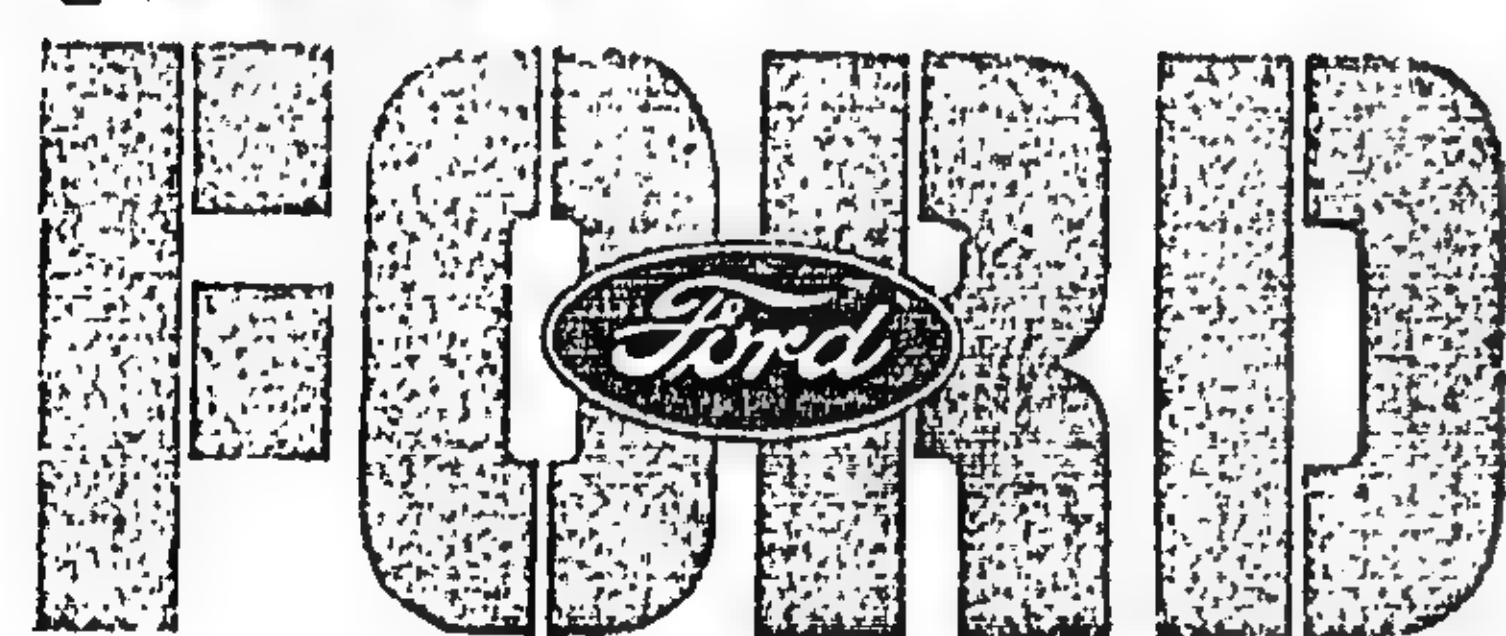
Lemfin, owned by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson, and ridden by Gibson, an English jockey, was leading near the post, but was caught by Mr. T. P. Cozzia's Ballycurnale and Baron J. Empain's Crazy Weather.

The last time a triple dead-heat occurred on the English Turf was at Newmarket in 1924, when Hope Deferred, Vuddy and Buddha finished together in the Long Course Selling Handicap.

CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 1st XI in their friendly match against the Royal Navy to-day, at 2 p.m. on the town ground.
A. W. Hayward, F. H. Stokes, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, M. R. Swain, H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, J. H. Fox, G. A. Stewart, R. E. H. Nelson and A. C. I. Bowker.

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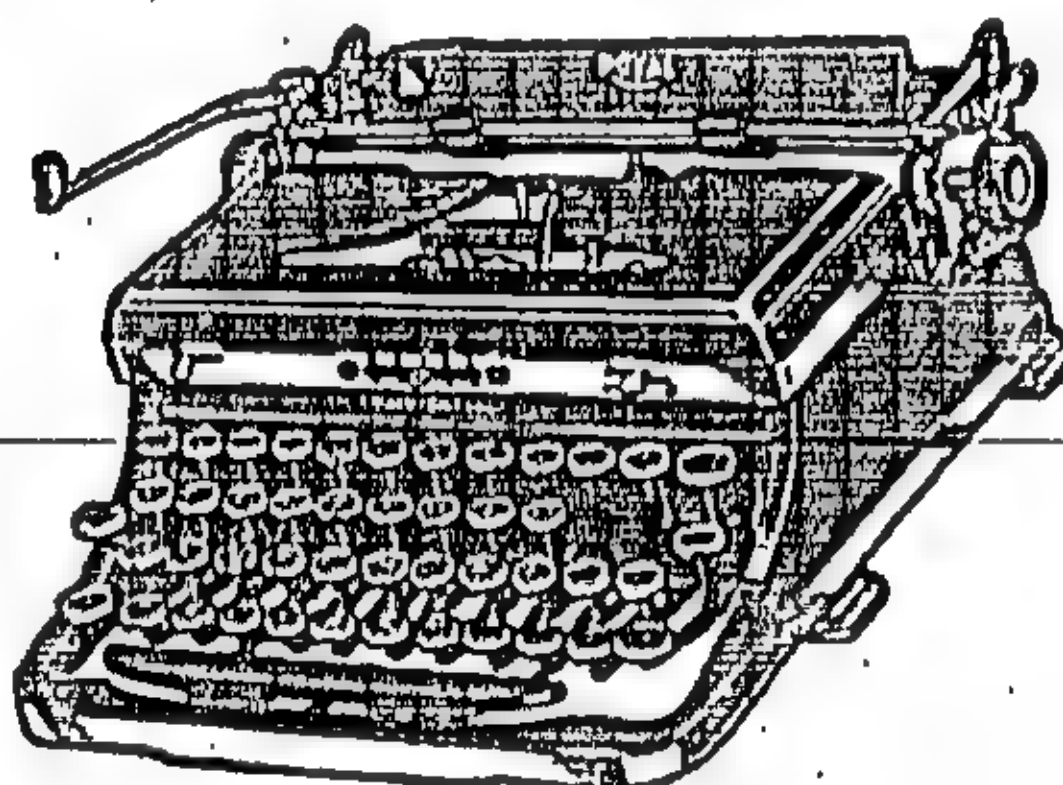
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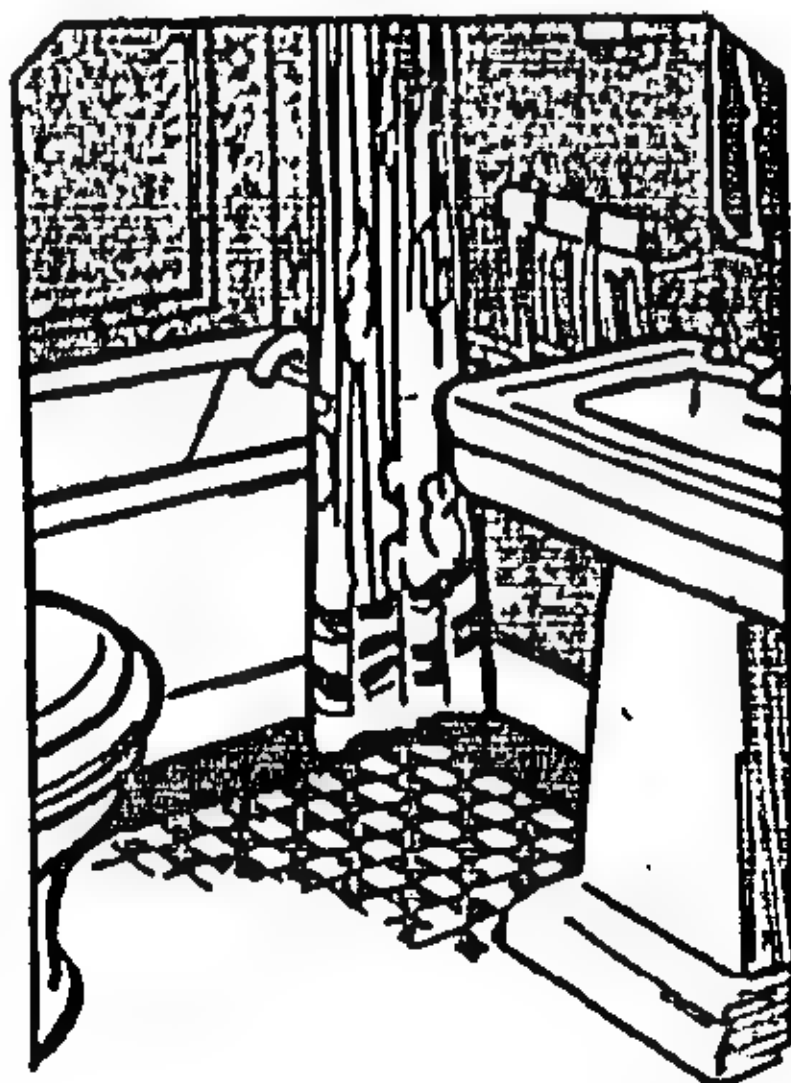
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Nearly ever since the service ceased to be underhand, and the introduction of the overhead—or, as it was then called, overhand—service was greeted with shrieks of disapproval on the ground that it would "ruin the game," attempts have been made to lessen the server's advantage. These attempts have mainly been concerned with hampering the server as much as possible by defining with the utmost strictness where and how he is to stand to deliver the service, and what movements of his feet he may and may not make during the time that elapses between his taking up his position and the actual striking of the ball with his racket.

The rules in which these attempts have resulted, however, are not wholly satisfactory because not more than one umpire in a hundred will take his courage in his hands and enforce them strictly. Consequently, suggestions have from time to time been made in the direction of limiting the server's advantage either by altering the measurements of the court so as to reduce the area of the service court, or by making him stand further away from the net behind the baseline so as to increase his margin of error. This last idea consisted in drawing a new line a foot behind the baseline, and allowing the server to go through any antics or contortions he liked in delivering the service so long as both his feet were behind that line at the moment of impact of racket and ball.

UMPIRE'S DIFFICULTIES

If this suggestion had met with approval it is doubtful whether the server would have been materially disadvantaged, but not in the least doubtful that the difficulties of the umpire would have been increased, since the server would be farther away from him, and the exact position of his feet (on which the whole difficulty arises) even harder to determine. Besides, the addition of more lines to the court—even outside it—was not looked on favourably. The measurements of the court have been exactly as they are today for a long way over fifty years. The game has been built up and developed on those measurements, and there has been a general feeling that if the advantage possessed by the server is to be curbed it must be done in some other way than by altering the measurements of the court. A suggestion that the service-line should be brought a foot nearer the net was, for the same reason, dismissed. It would have operated much too severely against the server who has learnt and developed a severe service, since services of the "cannon-ball" type are pretty well bound from their trajectory, to pitch within a few inches of the service-line; and if that line were brought a foot nearer the net all these would be faults, and the time and energy spent on acquiring a really good service wasted.

A year or two ago a further suggestion was made by the secretary of the L.T.A., Mr. H. A. Sabelli, that, instead of shortening the service-court, it should be narrowed. To carry this into effect Mr. Sabelli suggested that each service-court should be narrowed by eighteen inches on each side of the centre-service line, thus leaving a space of a yard wide down the middle of the court in which, if any service pitched, it would be a fault. This suggestion, while giving the server the advantage of his "cannon-ball" in every direction save one, gave the receiver a measure of protection in that he would no longer have to be forearmed against one of the most devastating services of all, the very fast

ball straight down the middle of the court. But it decreased the space into which the server could direct the ball, even more than the bringing in of the service-line a foot nearer the net would have done; and, worse still from the point of view of the "traditionalist," it necessitated a great change in the marking out of the court. I believe that it was tried, though it certainly cannot have been fully tested; in any case, the suggestion passed into the limbo of forgotten things.

FRESH PROPOSAL

But the fertile brain of Mr. Sabelli is not one to be discouraged by disappointment. He has recently made a fresh proposal, in his desire to put an end to the eternal controversy over the foot-fault rule (or, rather, the rules dealing with service—the word "foot-fault" is not to be discovered anywhere in the Rules of the Game). This consists in allowing the server, while keeping one foot on the ground behind the baseline during the delivery of his service, to swing the other as far over it as he chooses, or can do without losing his balance. In compensation for this liberty of action, he drawn a foot or fifteen inches behind the cross-service line. Any first service that pitches beyond this new line is not to be a fault but a point scored to the receiver; no second service in the case, is to be allowed. A first service that pitches between the new line and the ordinary cross-service line is to be a fault, and another service (as at present) is to be permitted.

It seems to me that almost the only disadvantage to Mr. Sabelli's proposal is the one on which other proposals have struck and foundered—the addition of a fresh line to the court. There may be others: for example, the indifferent player, who either uses his first service as a sighting shot or else aims it wildly down in the pathetic hope that it may be good, will certainly lose a great many aces right off and a good many more by "doubles." That the service linesman (if any) would have two lines to watch instead of one is true enough but need present no great difficulty. But the umpire in the chair would be in much less difficulty than he is now, because it is the "swinging foot" that is, at present, the chief cause of his troubles. Also, the proposal has the great advantage of not altering the dimensions of the service-court in any way.

THE MULTITUDE WINS

It would be well worth while to experiment with Mr. Sabelli's plan, pretty well anything that would put a stop, once and for all, to the eternal bickering over the foot-fault rule would not only be an advantage to the game but a saver of time spent in inconclusive arguments at meetings of the various ruling bodies of the game. All the same, I am entirely with my old friend, the late

H. S. Scrivener, in deploring what he called "tinkering with the rules." And I am particularly opposed to legislating for (and against) the "crack" player, who, after all, is not more than one in ten thousand of those who play and enjoy the game as it stands. The general body of players ought to be remembered and considered when alterations to the rules of the game (in which the measurements of the court are an integral part) are being suggested; how such alterations will or may affect them is at least as important as how they will affect the player who has a chance of a championship.

After all, in this particular instance, the battle between the server and the receiver is an age-long battle; sometimes this server has the better of it, sometimes the receiver finds the proper counter. In a long series of singles I should doubt if the server, in any case, has more than a 60 per cent. advantage. In doubles it is very much higher, but not because the service is more powerful but because the server has a partner to guard half of the court against the return of the service. In any case, though experiment with Mr. Sabelli's proposal would be interesting, translation of it into acceptance must be far distant; the International Federation alone can alter the rules of the game, and as it proceeds by the method of committees to consider and report, and the circularising of the report to the thirty-odd nations which comprise the Federation for their consideration and report, and the reception of their opinions, and referring the matter back for further consideration and report—well, I should be surprised if the Centre Court at Wimbledon presents any different appearance ten years hence from what it does now!

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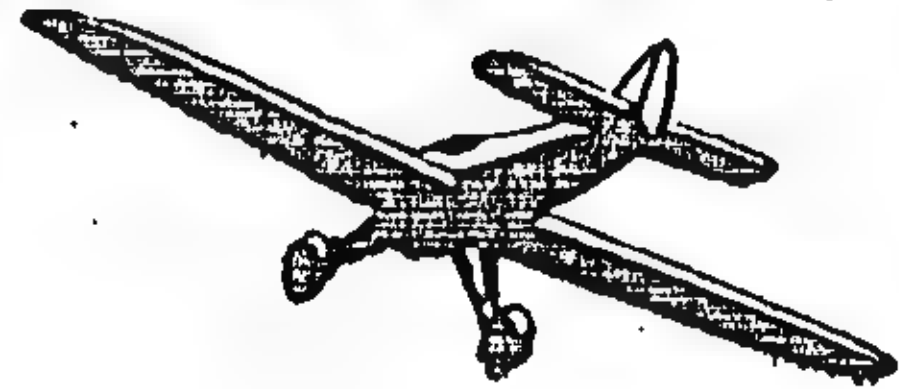
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Communion Ban For Innocent Divorcees May Follow Remarriage Bill LAITY FIGHT BISHOPS 'Gravest Issue' Raised Today

London, Nov. 19.

A FEW hours before bishops, clergy and laity meet at Church House, Westminster, to thrash out the Church's attitude to divorce and remarriage the Divorce Court president will end 165 marriages for ever.

The making absolute of these decrees not granted six months ago will take the president, Sir Boyd Merriam, only a few minutes.

As soon as that is done two divorce judges will deal with fifty-one undefended cases set down for hearing to-day.

When the courts are closing for the day the Church Assembly will meet at Central Hall to discuss a proposed measure which would forbid clergy to marry any man or woman concerned in a divorce case without regard to innocence or guilt.

The bishops are expected to favour the measure the lay members of the Assembly to fight against it. Lord Hugh Cecil will move:—
RESOLUTION TO BAN

CHURCH REMARRIAGE

"That a committee be appointed with an instruction to prepare and introduce a measure for prohibiting the use of the service for the solemnisation of holy matrimony contained in the Book of Common Prayer in respect to the marriage of any person whose spouse by a former marriage is still alive."

Mr. Arthur S. May, authority on marriage in church, who acted as legal assessor when this question was brought before the joint committee of the two Convocations, yesterday described the proposal as "raising the gravest issue since the Revised Prayer-book."

The Church Assembly sit in three houses—the House of Bishops, House of Clergy, and House of Laity.

Mr. May said: "The bishops will certainly favour the measure. Most of them have already expressed the view that no divorced person—innocent or guilty—be permitted to re-marry in church."

"Several bishops have recently warned their clergy not to conduct such marriages."

"It would seem that the opposition to this measure must come principally from the laity."

PUNISHING THOSE

NEEDING SYMPATHY

"My own view is that it is one thing to refuse to marry a guilty party—quite another thing to punish one who may be deserving of sympathy."

"The law allows divorce. Public opinion, in my view, is firm to-day that some right to divorce is required by morality."

"I have heard the view expressed—and I believe it is very widely held—that while Christianity sets before us the ideal marriage for our example it does not seek to put a yoke on humanity which it is not able to bear."

"It is right to discourage divorce. It is wrong to deny that sometimes, for some people, it is the only way out—and the right way out."

Mr. May said that if Lord Hugh Cecil's proposal is accepted another measure dealing with the admission of divorced persons to Holy Communion will probably follow.

"I believe," he said "that the sequel would be that a proposal would be brought forward to ban divorced persons, innocent or guilty, unless they were ready to seek the permission of the bishop and express regret."

"There may be, in the end, no place whatever for divorced persons in the Church of England."

ONE BISHOP SAYS

'POLICY UNSOUND

One bishop at least does not agree that the church should "treat the innocent like the guilty."

Dr. H. H. Benson, Bishop of Durham, speaking on the Matrimonial Causes Act at Durham Diocesan Conference on Saturday, said he considered such treatment "unsound in principle and policy."

"It is clearly my duty frankly to disassociate myself from it," he said. "I do not understand why the Church should treat as offenders against the Law of Christ, those Christian people—themselves in no merely technical sense innocent merely—who have exercised the liberty of marriage after divorce, which from the Apostolic ages has been allowed in churches and which is to-day everywhere allowed outside the Papal obedience."

"I suggest our rigorists should reflect on the requirements of the Third Commandment and make sure that in their zeal they are not taking the Lord's name in vain."

SAILORS' WIVES WHO HAVE TO DRAW RELIEF

There are men serving in the Royal Navy whose wives and children are having to draw relief from public assistance committees, Mr. J. E. Lane, hon. treasurer of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, told the annual meeting of the trust in London recently.

Many young husbands in the Navy, he said, were able to give their wives and families only 10s. a week. "It is an absolute public disgrace," he added.

Just before Mr. Lane spoke, Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, had told the meeting that never had the importance of the Navy been greater than to-day. Never had the future of this country and the fate of the whole world depended more upon its efficiency and strength.

The efficiency of the Navy depended not only on the strength and equipment of battleships, cruisers, and submarines, but upon the hearts of the men sailing in them.

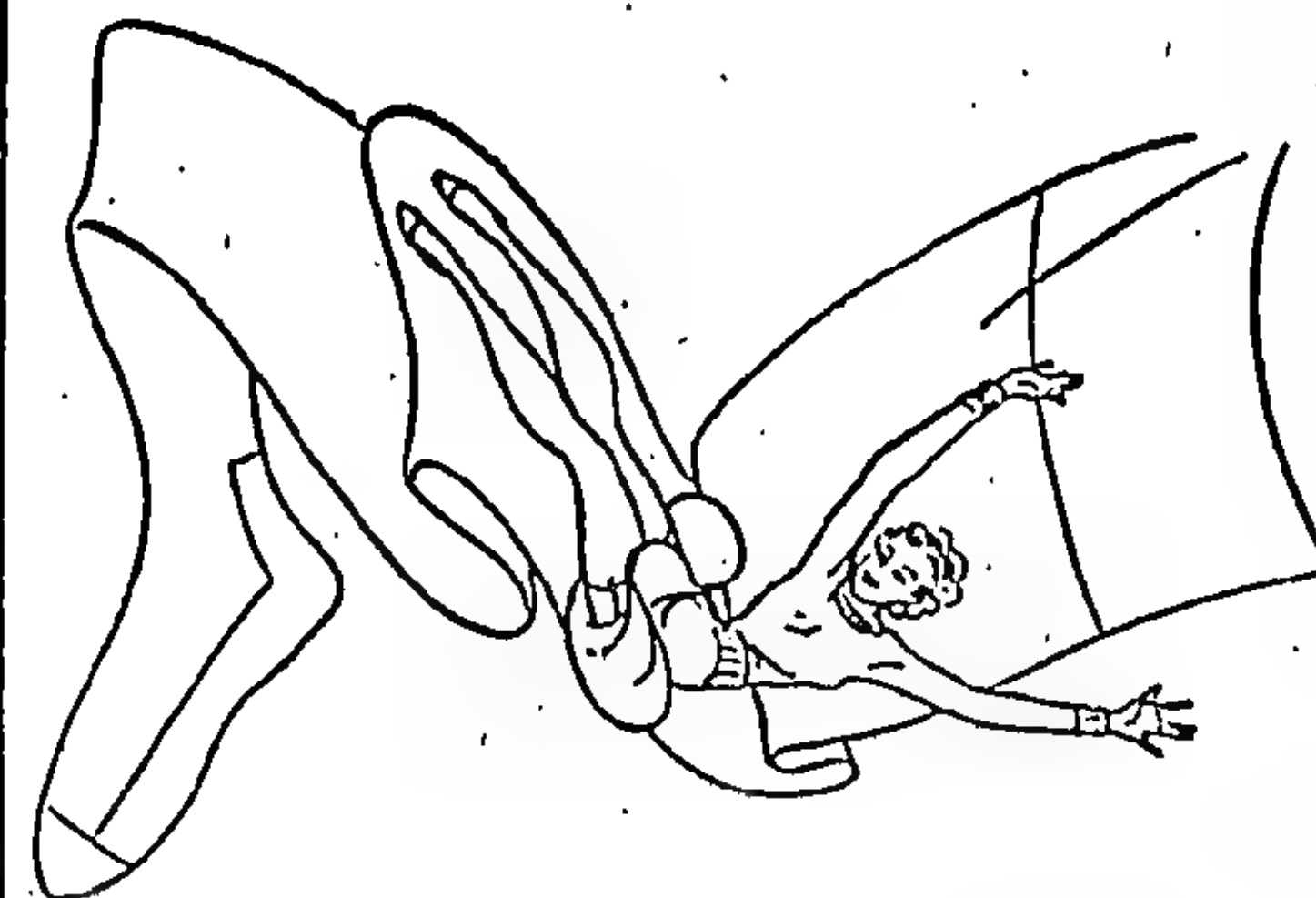
A political career, he said, opened one's eyes to so many different de-

partments of national life. He was more and more impressed by the tremendous voluntary services which Englishmen gave, without any recognition or reward, for their fellow-citizens.

"The Royal Navy as a Career and How to Join It," issued by the Admiralty last year, gives 14s. a week as the minimum pay for ordinary seamen, ordinary signalmen, ordinary telegraphists, sick berth attendant probationers, assistant cooks, and assistant stewards. Allowance for a wife is 10s. for a wife and one child 15s., two children 18s., three children 20s.

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GOLF CLUB MEETING

Mr. G. S. Archbutt Captain For Ensuing Year

Despite extensive repairs necessitated by the September typhoon, the Royal Hongkong Golf Club experienced a satisfactory financial year, besides effecting improvements in club houses and courses during the year, according to the Captain's report presented at the annual general meeting, held in the S. C. M. Post Board Room yesterday.

In the absence through indisposition of Mr. D. J. Gilmore, the Hon. Mr. E. Davidson was elected to the chair, and he read out the statement prepared by the Captain, as follows: "Considering all things, I trust the year under review may be considered a satisfactory one, although you will observe from the statement of accounts that our working profit amounted to \$18,004.23 only, compared with \$18,004.23 in 1936. After allowing for the usual depreciation etc., the loss of \$3,331.05 was transferred to Reserve Account."

Club Accounts
Comparison with last year's figures in considering turnover is extremely difficult owing to the fall in exchange and the consequent increase in the price of imported goods. This is specially emphasized in our Trading Account where the turnover has increased by no less than \$20,000 while our profit under this heading has increased by \$1,480.04 only. This however is due in some slight measure to reductions in prices of drinks, etc.

The figures in Working Account are, however, not affected in quite the same manner, and here we find that receipts are up by \$2,410 due to an increase in subscriptions.

In Residents Subscription, however, there is a drop of \$1,351, whilst subscribers show an increase of \$2,701. It will be remembered that in the winter of 1934-35 we saw very little of the Royal Navy.

Ladies' subscriptions have also increased by \$1,165; whilst absent fees, always variable, have this year decreased by \$250.

The liquid assets of the Club have increased from \$91,245.53 to \$73,480.04, a gain of \$12,243.30. (These liquid assets do not include stocks of machine spares, linen and crockery or payments in advance.)

Building Fund
The Fanning Building Fund has increased by \$11,517.13. All shares held have been disposed of, and as fixed deposits fall in, these are transferred to a special account on which the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank pay us good interest.

Six members who left the Colony within one year of election had half their entrance fee (\$75 each) refunded.

The Junior Section continues to be very popular. It is at present considerably over strength, and there is a fairly long waiting list.

Expenditure on upkeep of courses shows an increase of no less than \$16,000 due chiefly to the extra expenditure on maintenance at Fanning, improvements on the Old Course, and repairs made necessary by damage caused by the typhoon.

The opening of the year found the alterations to the club houses nearly completed. Several small changes were subsequently made in the

ladies' club house, and in the men's the bar was shifted once again. Electric heaters were installed in both club houses, and the increased comfort seems to be appreciated. Considerable expense was incurred during the year in replenishing our stock of crockery, cutlery, linen, etc.

Typhoon Damage

A new Fordson tractor was purchased, also a new spiking machine, both of which have proved satisfactory.

Whilst on this subject I might mention that the Club owes a great debt of gratitude to the Kowloon Canton Railway and their Chief Mechanical Engineer, Mr. I. Smith, for undertaking repairs to tractors and machines—no small job.

The car park at the ladies' club house has been considerably increased; the one near the men's club house has at times proved inadequate and steps are being taken to enlarge it; at the same time I may say that a good many more cars could be accommodated on the present space if owners would exercise a little more care in parking.

Damage caused by the typhoon was considerable, and accounts for about half the amount of \$9,193.68 appearing under the heading of repairs and renewals. The roof of the Deep Water Bay club house and other damage there have been repaired, and considerable improvements have been made in the kitchen and pantry.

The provision of nets to keep flies out of club houses seems to have been a good solution of a difficult problem. The club house has also been done up. This was Mr. Butterfield's last net of many years' grand service as Honorary Architect at Deep Water Bay. Before Mr. Butterfield sailed for home I took the opportunity of expressing to him in writing the Club's appreciation and thanks for the valuable service he had rendered during a long period of years. (Applause.)

Dimples for Pimples

My predecessor Mr. Dodwell, in his speech a year ago, stated that he and the outgoing Committee took special pride in accomplishing the removal of the pimples which had so long disfigured the fair face of the Old Course.

Gentlemen, we have gone one better in the beauty treatment and made its fair face smile with dimples, some of which cause a few of the greens almost to grin. (Laughter.)

I have heard nothing but praise for the alterations which have been carried out in the Old Course, and our thanks are due to Mr. Lissaman as Convenor and the Greens Committee as a whole for their admirable work. Mr. Lissaman put in a tremendous amount of time and work on these

RED CROSS CONTINGENT ARRIVES

To Be Entertained By Hongkong

A contingent of Chinese Volunteer Red Cross members arrived this morning on the J.C.I.L. steamer Tjisarua from Java, together with their own ambulances and apparatus. They comprise four doctors and 11 helpers.

A reception committee, composed of Dr. C. Y. Woo, representative of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Percy Chen, son of Mr. Eugene Chen, the former Foreign Minister for China, and Messrs. Oei Kang-twan, Lim Chow-wai and Tam Hong-li were on hand to greet them.

The arrivals will be the guests of honour at a dinner at the Kwan Chow Restaurant this evening. Among those invited to attend are Madam Sun Fo, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. David Au, Manager of the Kwangtung Bank, Don, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Dr. Li Shu-pui, Dr. Woerden, Consul General for the Netherlands, Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg, Vice-Consul, Mr. Alfred Morris, Director of the local branch of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Professor Gerrard, of the Hongkong University and Dr. Arthur Woo.

Improvements, and I can only trust that he will have the opportunity to be willing to carry on the good work on the New Course during the coming year.

I should not like to pass this subject without paying a tribute to Mr. Hitchens for the efficient manner and the rapidly with which the work was carried out. It reflects great credit to him that play was in no way inconvenienced and at the same time the courses were kept in excellent condition. I can safely say that never have our courses at Fanning been in better condition than they are now. (Applause.)

Our reciprocal arrangements with the Tungshan Recreation Club had to be terminated owing to that Club being wound up.

Ladies' Subscriptions

The Coronation Cup produced a very large number of entries and resulted in a substantial sum being forwarded to the Children's Play Grounds Association; in addition individual members subscribed generously to this worthy cause.

The co-operation of the Committee of the Ladies' Section has been much appreciated and their suggestions, always warmly welcomed, have done much for the comfort of those using the ladies' club. (Applause.)

Mr. R. H. B. Hancock seconded, and said that considering the difficulties experienced during the year and the typhoon damage, the report and accounts were very satisfactory. In view of the facilities, he did not think an extra dollar on the ladies' subscriptions would be a hardship, and it would substantially benefit the Club.

He was glad to note the smallness

China's Women Fliers Can Help In War

Noted Aviatrix To Rest In Colony

China's most famous aviatrix, Miss Lee Yeh-ching, daughter of Mr. Lee Ching of Hongkong, arrived in the Colony this morning on board the Lloyd Triestino liner Victoria, from Shanghai. An executive member of the Citizen's Emergency Auxiliaries, she has been actively engaged in patriotic work in Shanghai, and organised and conducted the 24th branch Red Cross Hospital in Jessfield Road.

After a brief rest in Hongkong, Miss Lee will continue patriotic work in South China for the Auxiliaries which have been invited to co-operate with the Kwangtung authorities with reference to transport for the medical services.

Miss Lee firmly believes that women fliers can be very useful in China during war-time, particularly in the interior. Operating from Chungking (the present capital) or from any other centre, she says that women pilots could fly medical supplies to the war front or to where they are needed.

Trained in Geneva, and in the Beijing School of Aeronautics in the United States, Miss Lee has flown over all the air lines in China. She also holds a local "B" certificate.

of the "bad debts" account. The prize money system seemed to be working well with the caddies, and in this connection he had found they reacted better to sympathetic treatment than harsh words.

The official of the Club had given good service throughout the year, and he wished to thank them heartily on behalf of all members. (Applause.) The report and accounts were adopted.

Officials Elected

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Robertson, Mr. G. S. Archbutt was elected Captain for the ensuing year.

The following Committee was elected: Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. F. J. de Rome, Mr. I. H. Geare, Mr. D. J. Gilmore, M.C., Mr. A. E. Lissaman, Mr. J. A. D. Morrison, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. H. H. Mundy, and Mr. R. Young.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,500 per annum.

This concluded the business of the meeting, Mr. R. M. McLay proposing a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee, and for the loan of the Board Room.

Those present included: Messrs. K. S. Robertson, K. S. Morrison, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie, D. S. Robb, and Col. E. D. Matthews (Secretary).

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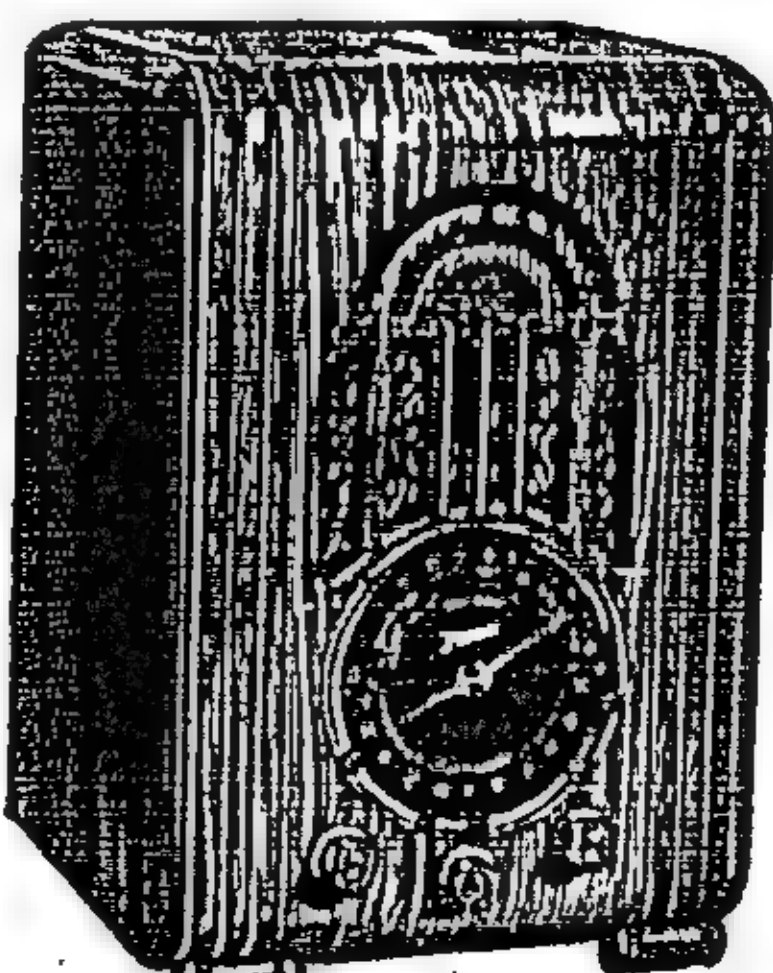
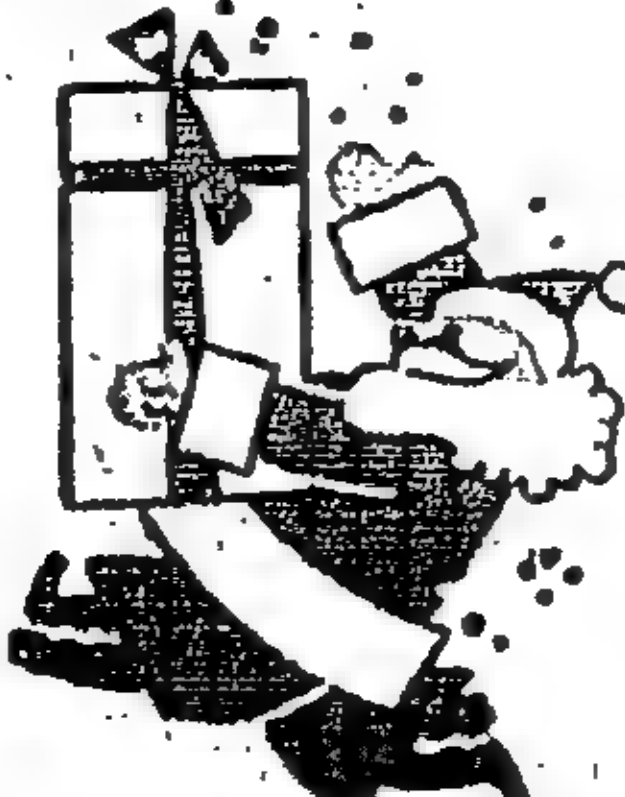
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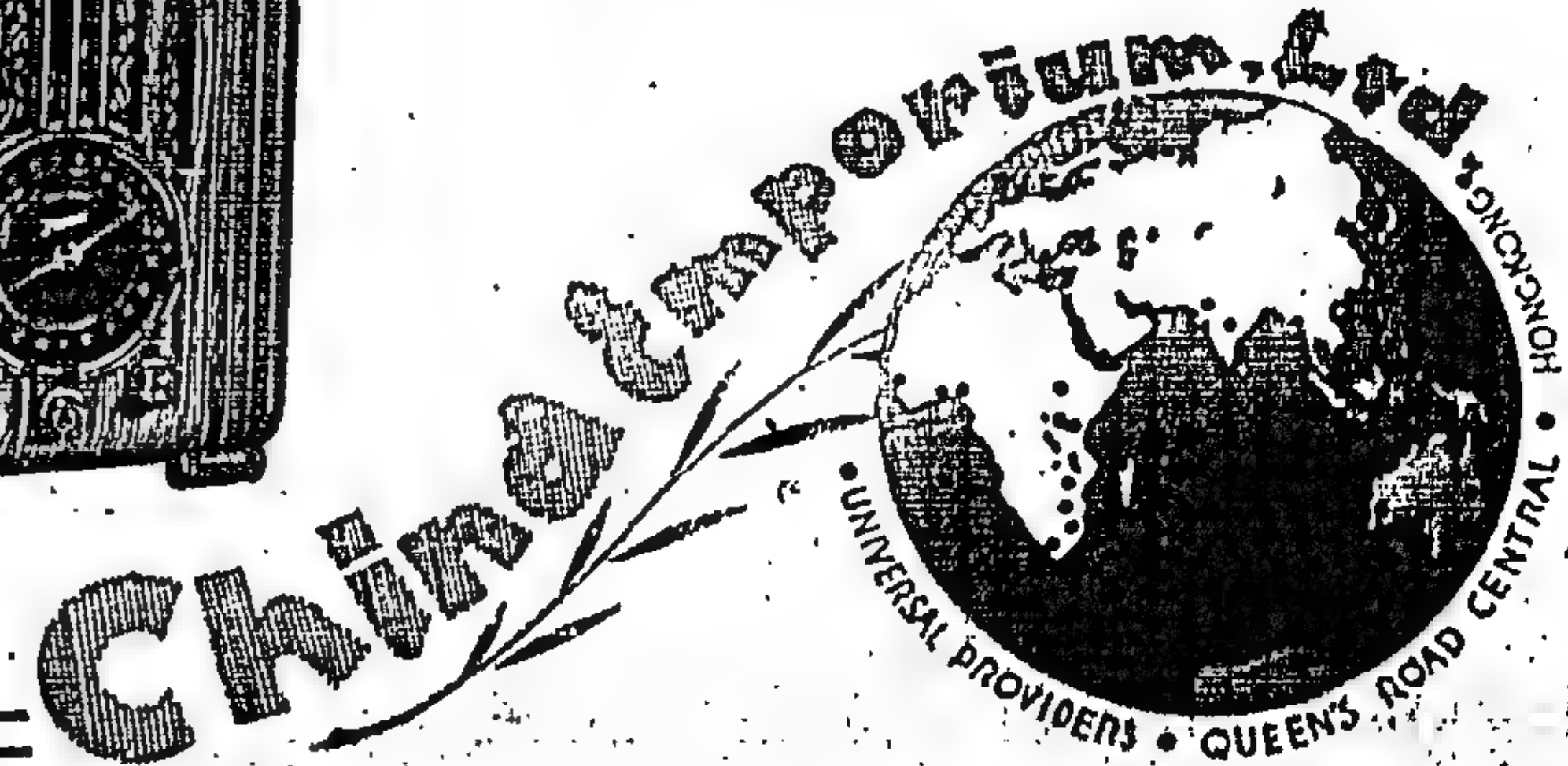
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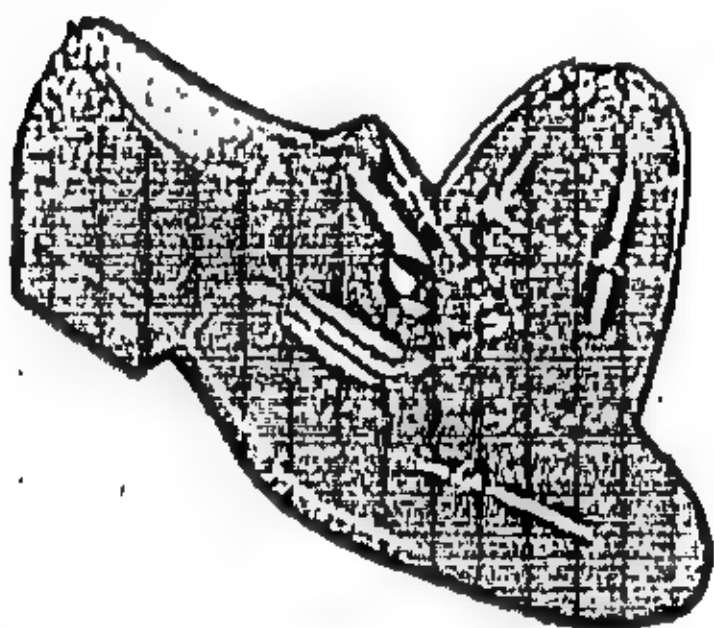
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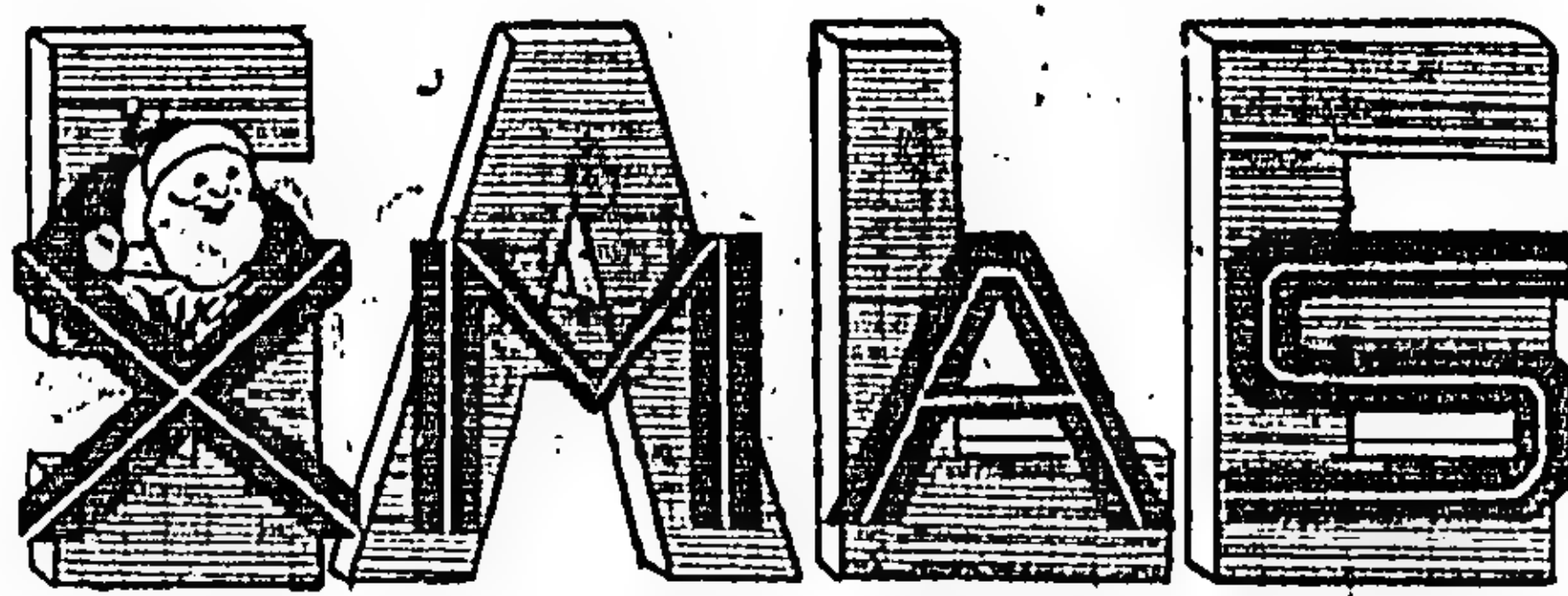
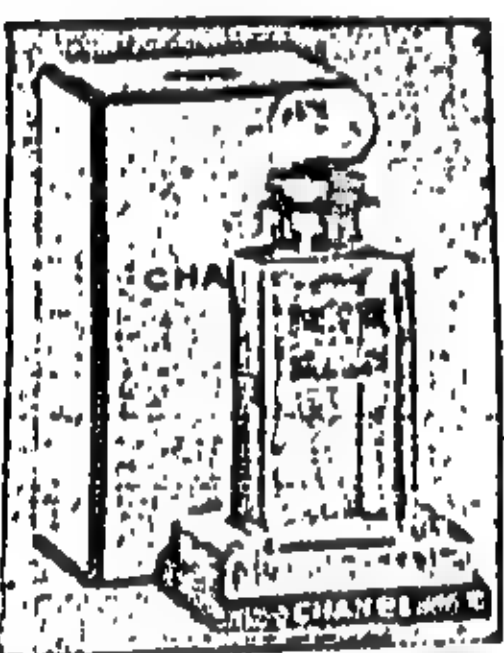
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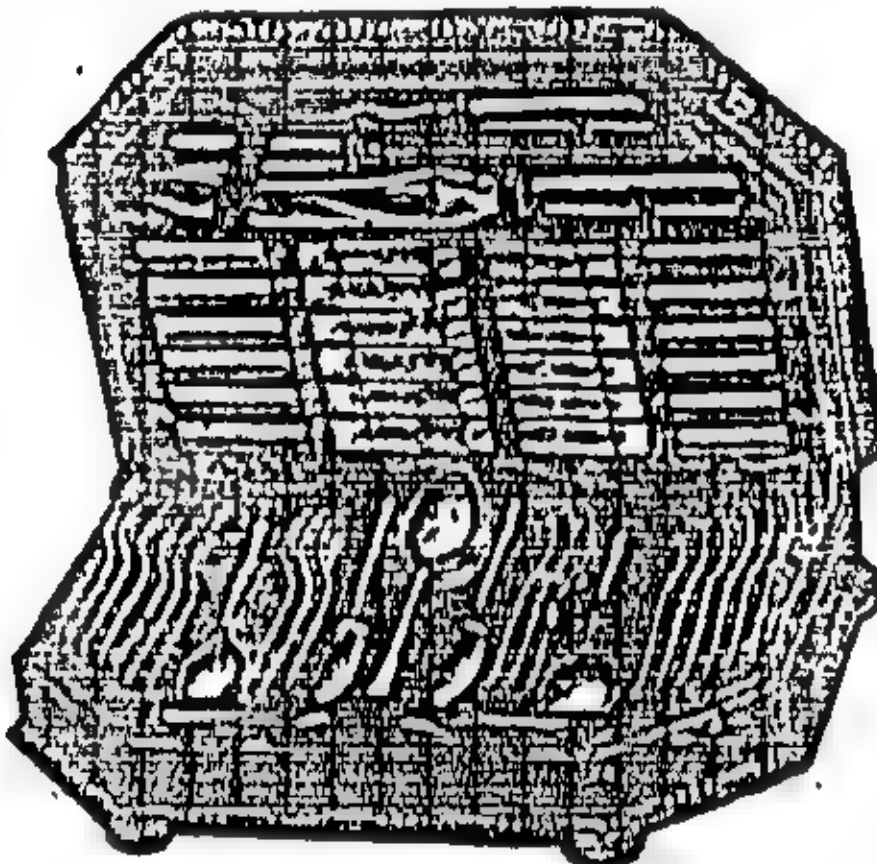


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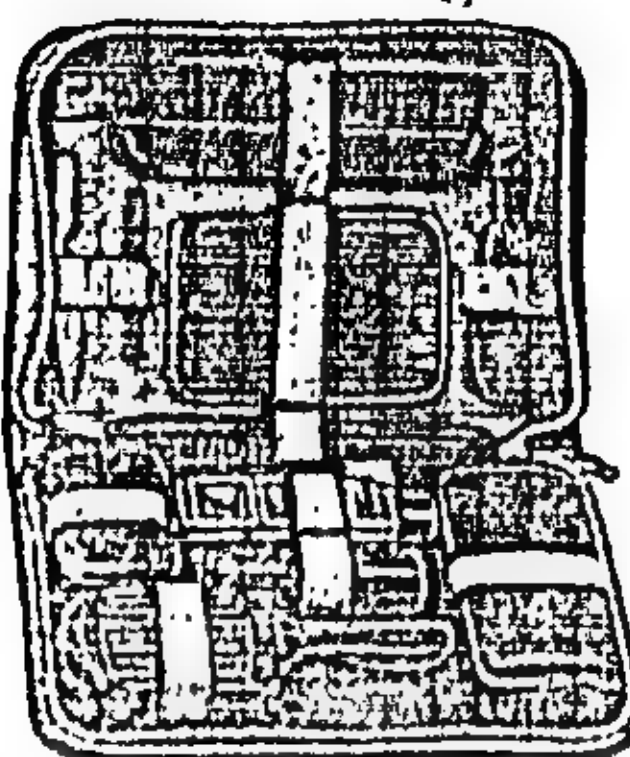


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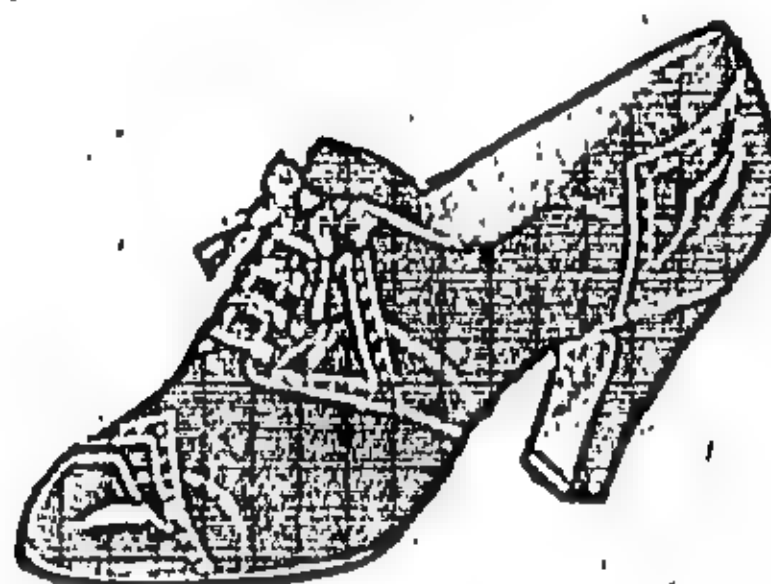


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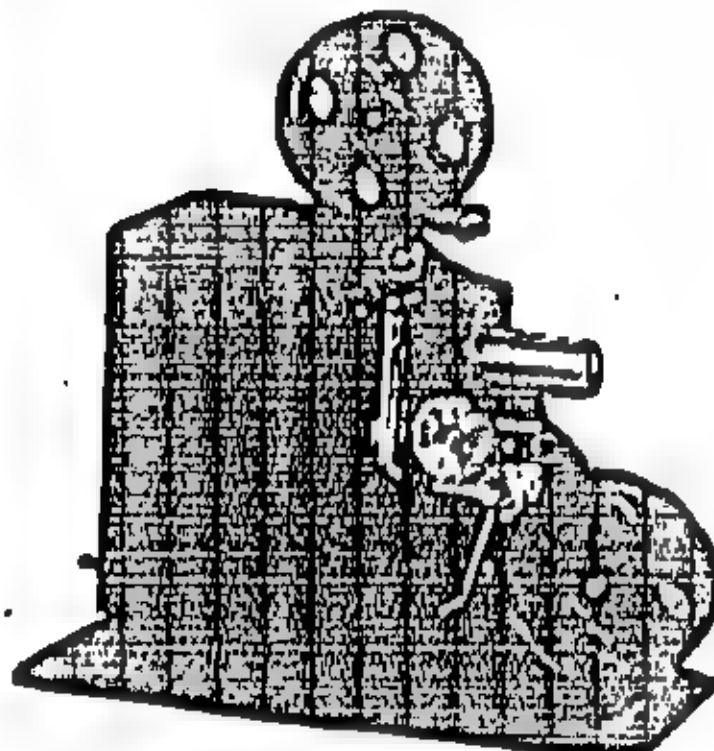
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GRIPPING TALE OF PANAY'S LOSS

(Continued from Page 7.)

and boarded the Panay six miles
down river.

"The launches suddenly began
machine-gunning, which was the last
straw. We were certain that the
Japanese soldiers were attacking us
and all scattered into the kaoliang,
firing down. I was in the great
terror I had felt as I was cer-
tain that the soldiers were surround-
ing the party in order to wipe it
out. The others felt the same.

"However the soldiers actually
boarded the Panay for a short time
and then steamed up stream. We
re-appeared and watched the Panay
heel over to starboard and sink to
the accompaniment of several explo-
sions.

FURTHER ATTACKS

"The party attempted to organise
and collect the wounded men, when
the terrifying sound of returning
planes was heard and bombs shock-
ed our nerves. We watched two
planes dive in a thoroughly leisure
manner and bomb the Mei Tia and
Mei Ping on the south bank setting
them on fire.

"We gave up Marshall and the
eight seamen aboard for dead. Then
the plane soared above us. This
time I was ashamed of our former
cowardice and stood by aided in
carrying the blankets. Captain
Hughes was taken to cover by the
bombers, who were bogged up to
their knees. They were trembling
with every step as the planes came
low and flew over them, expecting
to be machine-gunned.

"This performance was repeated
later when three planes flew over
the south bank. We heard repeat-
ed distant bombing and guessed that
they were attacking the Cricket,
Seagrass and others.

"The scattered company was
frozen again in a line of small Stan-
dard Oil boats, which the Japanese
troops had picked up on the south
bank and carried down river in front
of us all.

"We were very grateful for the
coming night, when Captain Hughes
requested Captain Roberts to take
over command and began assembling
scouts, who reported that we were
on an island, but the Chinese mess
boy soon found a village called
Hokou, from where Paxton and Wis-
ler left for Holsien.

"They secured the co-operation of
the magistrate and the police tele-
phoned an American missionary at
Anking asking him to relay to Mr.
Nelson T. Johnson brief news of the
Panay's sinking. Paxton went to
Anking by ricksha in order to en-
sure getting help.

FOUND WOUNDED

"I then went down river with two
seamen attempting to find a doctor
and half a mile away stumbled on
three doubled-up forms lying pros-
trate in the moonlit clearing. These
were Kozak, Ziegler and Schroyer,
who were among the first wounded
to be landed and given medical at-
tention. They were all moaning
softly, tortured with pain and cold
and begging for water. Two seamen
returned to the Panay to get water
and more blankets while I reman-
ed.

"Ziegler and Kozak were bleeding
again, their quilts being red at the
head and foot. This scene was re-
peated throughout. Those who were
not wounded found relief to their
own jagged nerves in aiding the
dozen or 14 worst cases. Several
naval men were considerably wound-
ed although they did not speak about
their wounds or show them in their
desire to assist.

"After four hours of laborious
work, the task of gathering up and
putting the wounded on the aban-
doned launch was completed. We
and the coolies towed it up river
and unloaded the cases to stretchers
—the Chinese furnishing flat beds
from their houses—and proceeded to
Hokou where there were a handful
of thatched huts for rice and wine.
The Chinese police, troops and the
magistrate at Holsien, Mr. Wang,
who is a Syracuse graduate, were
most helpful.

"That three-four five-mile hike to
Holsien with Barzini and I accom-

panying the stretcher-borne Sandri
and Anders at Roberts' direction was
a nightmare—the groans of the
wounded, a long line of a dozen
stretchers, some 60 hobbling wet-
footed, weary, hungry Americans, a
Britisher and Italian accompanying
them, all filing into the Chinese city
and the three native thatched inns
serving as a hospital. Examinger
died on Monday at 3 a.m. and Sandri
at 1 p.m. Atcheson worked untir-
ingly and before snatching some
sleep eventually got a message
through to the Ambassador, by the
courtesy of the Chinese military au-
thorities. The whole company drop-
ped to the floor in the inns and
slept in their clothes, mostly with-
out any covering.

HIKE UP-RIVER

"We were overjoyed to learn that
Marshall and others were safe and
we hiked five miles up river gladly,
though with apprehension of gun
fire in view of Holt's experience
while landing in the middle of Sino-
Japanese engagement, while Ja-
panese launches were bearing would-
be rescuers and attempting to go up
the canal.

"Our reception aboard the gun-
boats was very warm and heart-
stirring. Then MacDonald, Soong,
Barzini and myself decided not to
file eye-witness accounts of the affair
before reaching Shanghai, due to the
necessity of aiding the party busy
filing a list of dead and wounded.

"Going down river it was notable
that there were Sino-Japanese en-
gagements in the vicinity of the
smoking ruins of Nanking, the
sound of these being great torture
to all the survivors of the Panay
disaster.

"This story has been written
aboard the Bee, Ladybird and Onhu
in very crowded conditions, typis-
tically being scarce. I have been
sleeping on deck, the floor and a
table respectively, being very glad
that the adventure is ending.

MORE RAIDS

"I was luckier than some of the
others and shared a Chinese bed with
Squires. We awoke in broad sun-
light and found the ancient city most
apprehensive against Japanese at-
tack owing to the presence of the
Americans and the Chinese authori-
ties requested us—unnecessarily—to
remain under cover during the air
alarms, of which there were three or
four heart-breaking ones during the
morning.

"Foot-blistered, wearied and a
doomed feeling creeping over them,
the Panay survivors streamed out to
breakfast, buying up native cakes in
the afternoon. Roberts and Atcheson
and officers decided that the Japan-
ese flters were hostilely seeking the
survivors and postponed the 20-mile
junk journey to Hanchuan until night-
fall when tedious loading up by
coolies was resumed.

"The decision of Roberts was note-
worthy, reflecting the fears of the
Panay survivors in view of Mr.
Johnson's instructions to remain at
Holsien until they were picked up.
Six open junks in which the Panay
party were cramped up freezing
reached Hanchuan at dawn where
friendly peasants in the outskirts sold
food. The party, after a two-mile
hike reached the Catholic Mission
compound where the untiring At-
cheson soon broke the joyous news
that British and American boats had
arrived at Holsien and were await-
ing the return of the Panay sur-
vivors. This put new life into them
and they took to the junks again at
daylight and arrived at 10 p.m.
They found the landing place swarm-
ing with the welcome sight of Ameri-
can and British sailors from the
Cahu, Ladybird and Bee. Sand-
wiches were awaiting them. I grasp-
ed Rear-Admiral Holt's hand and
learned that the Britishers had
thought that I was dead owing to the
report of Marshall and James (Jim
Marshall, one of those badly wound-
ed)."—United Press.

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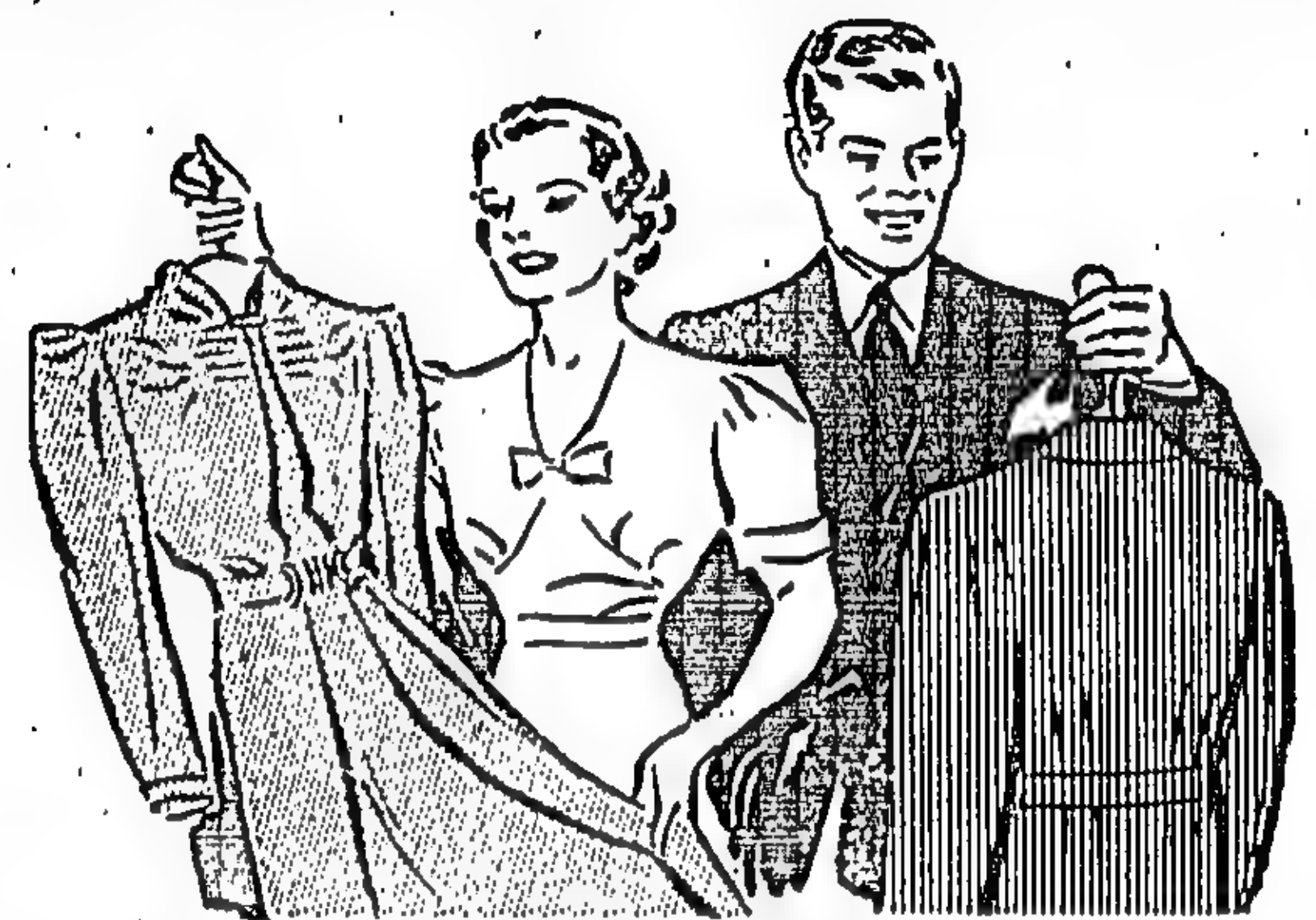
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NEW DEAL SLATED

FEELING OF INSECURITY AND FEAR IN U.S.

Chicago, Dec. 18.

In a speech to the Economic Club here to-day, Mr. Herbert Hoover, jokingly observed "I can wholly object to this depression because certainly I did not create it."

He said that the most imperative need during the present recession was "the relief of the pressures which stagnate billions of dollars in home construction and millions of jobs." He described the New Deal's programme of economy as having the central idea of shifting "the Government from the function of empire to the function of directing, dictating, and competing in our economic life," resulting in "a feeling of insecurity and fear."

He accused the New Deal with "increasingly controlling prices, wages, the volume of production and investment. The Government's weapons include managed currency, credit interest rates and huge expenditures, a pump priming the inflation of bank deposits. He charged 'every plan in life is based on Washington' from which the insecurity arises."

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MOVEMENT WRECKED

Congressional Coalition Scheme Suggested

Washington, Dec. 18. Republican suspicion has apparently wrecked a movement for a formal Republican-Democratic Congressional Coalition for the purpose of swinging the administration into more conservative channels. Mr. Charles L. McNarry, of Oregon, and other Republicans and

SHIP SENDS OUT APPEAL

BUT GETS NOTHING FROM BRITAIN

Tangier, Dec. 17.

The French freighter Sydney has wireless as follows:

"Attacked by Spanish warship one mile south-west of Europa Point. We have gone towards Ceuta and want help from a British destroyer."

The naval authorities at Gibraltar state that the Sydney was not attacked but merely stopped and questioned by insurgent trawlers. No British warships went to her assistance.

It is understood the Sydney continued her voyage.—Reuter.

Senators have refused to join and left the movement. Its heads are said to be mostly Democrats. None would admit sponsorship of the movement.—United Press.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Washington, Dec. 18.

President Franklin Roosevelt has proposed that Congress amend the Social Security Act to allow States which are late in passing State compensation acts to make earlier payment towards unemployment benefits.—United Press.

FINANCIAL BILLS

Washington, Dec. 17.

Mr. Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has revealed that he is preparing a measure to authorize the Commodity Credit Corporation to borrow directly from the public under Government guarantee instead of borrowing from R. F. C. funds.

He is also preparing another bill to cancel from the Treasury's books the sum of \$2,075,000,000 unrecouped R.F.C. assets.

He said it was merely book-keeping and did not affect the Public Debt deficit.—United Press.

REPUBLICAN OFFICERS

St. Louis, Dec. 17.

It is reliably learned that the Republican Executive Committee has chosen Mr. Glenn Frank, ex-President of Wisconsin University, to be Chairman of the Program Committee which will draft the declaration of Republican principles.—United Press.

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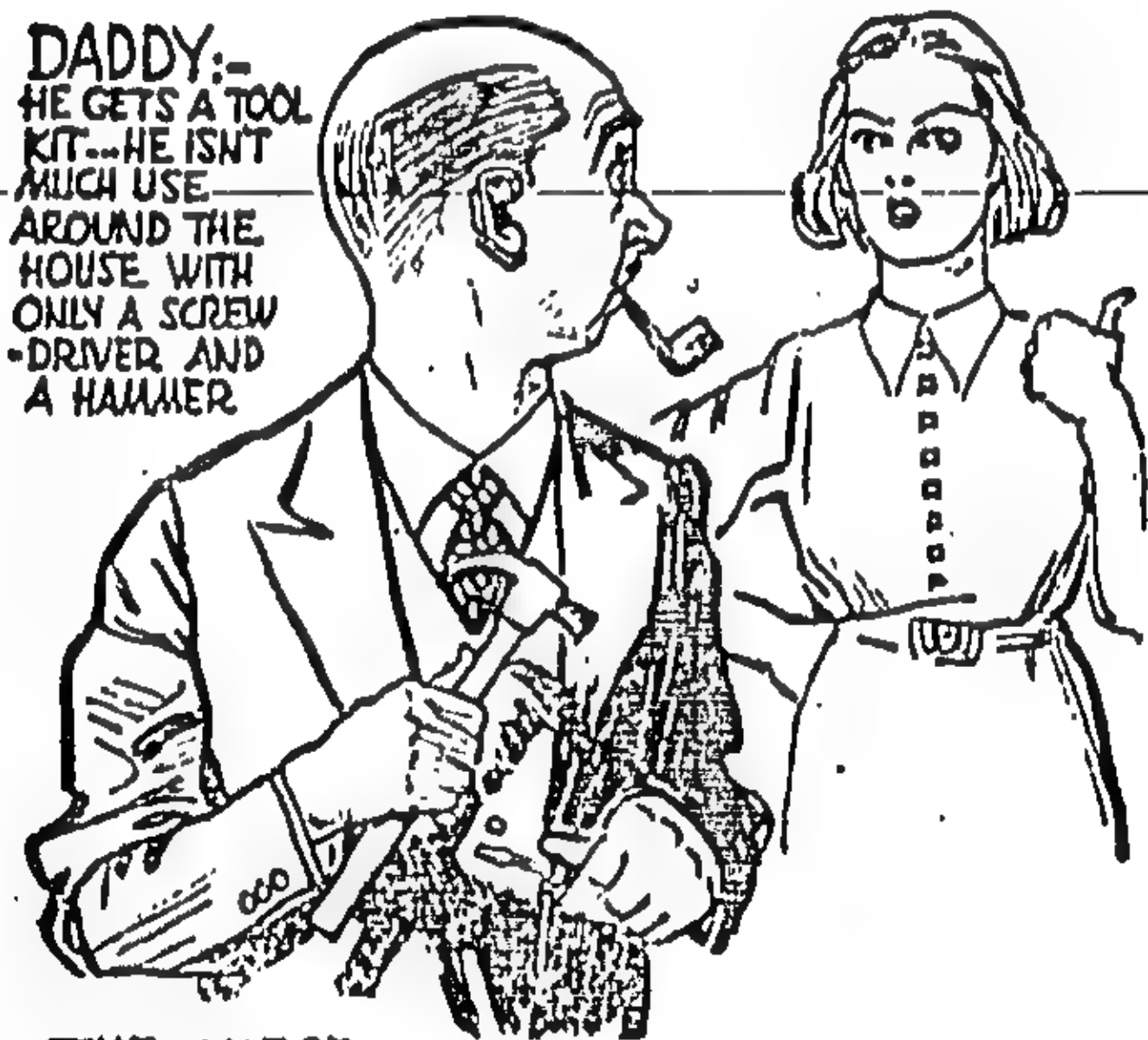
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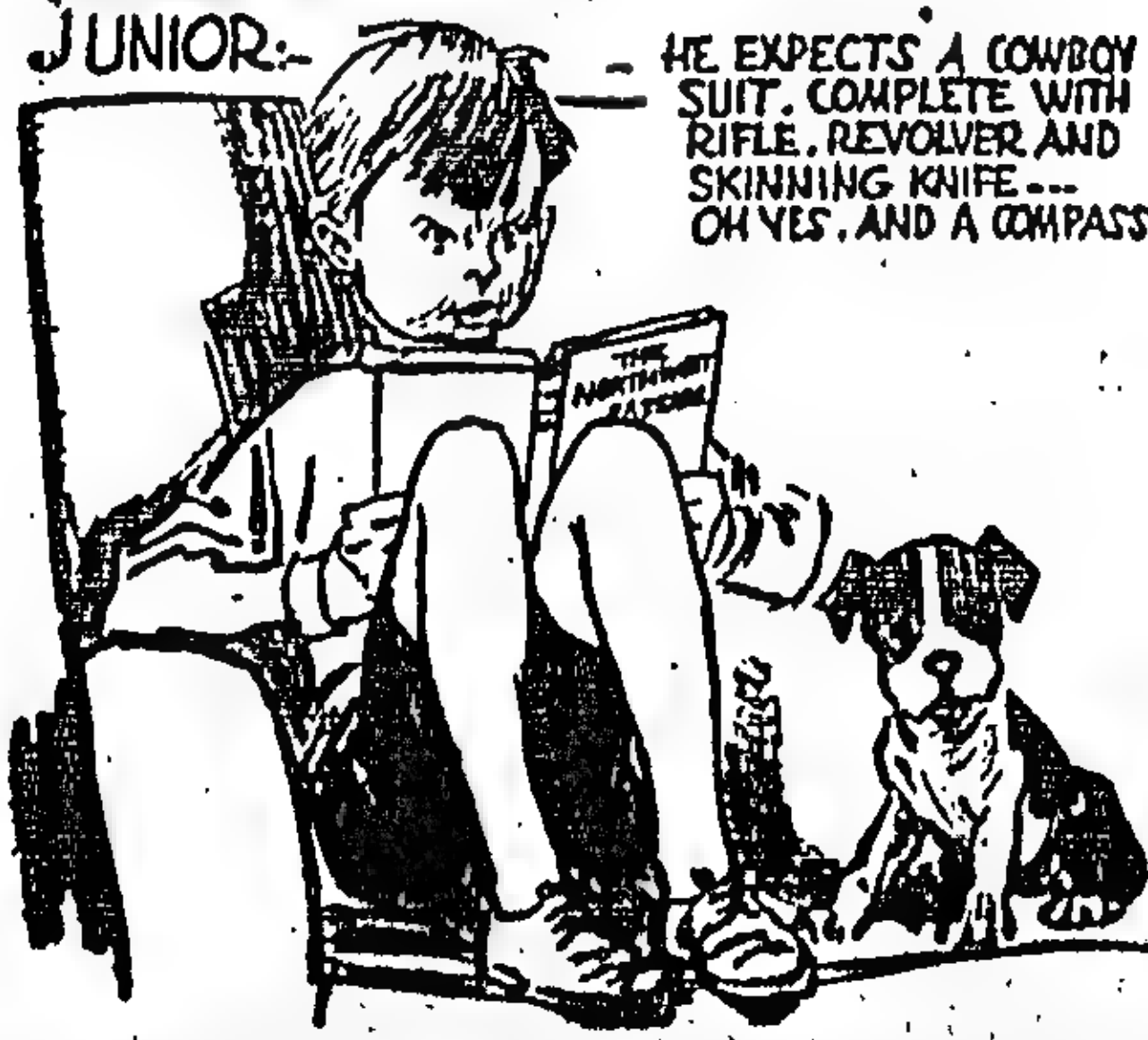
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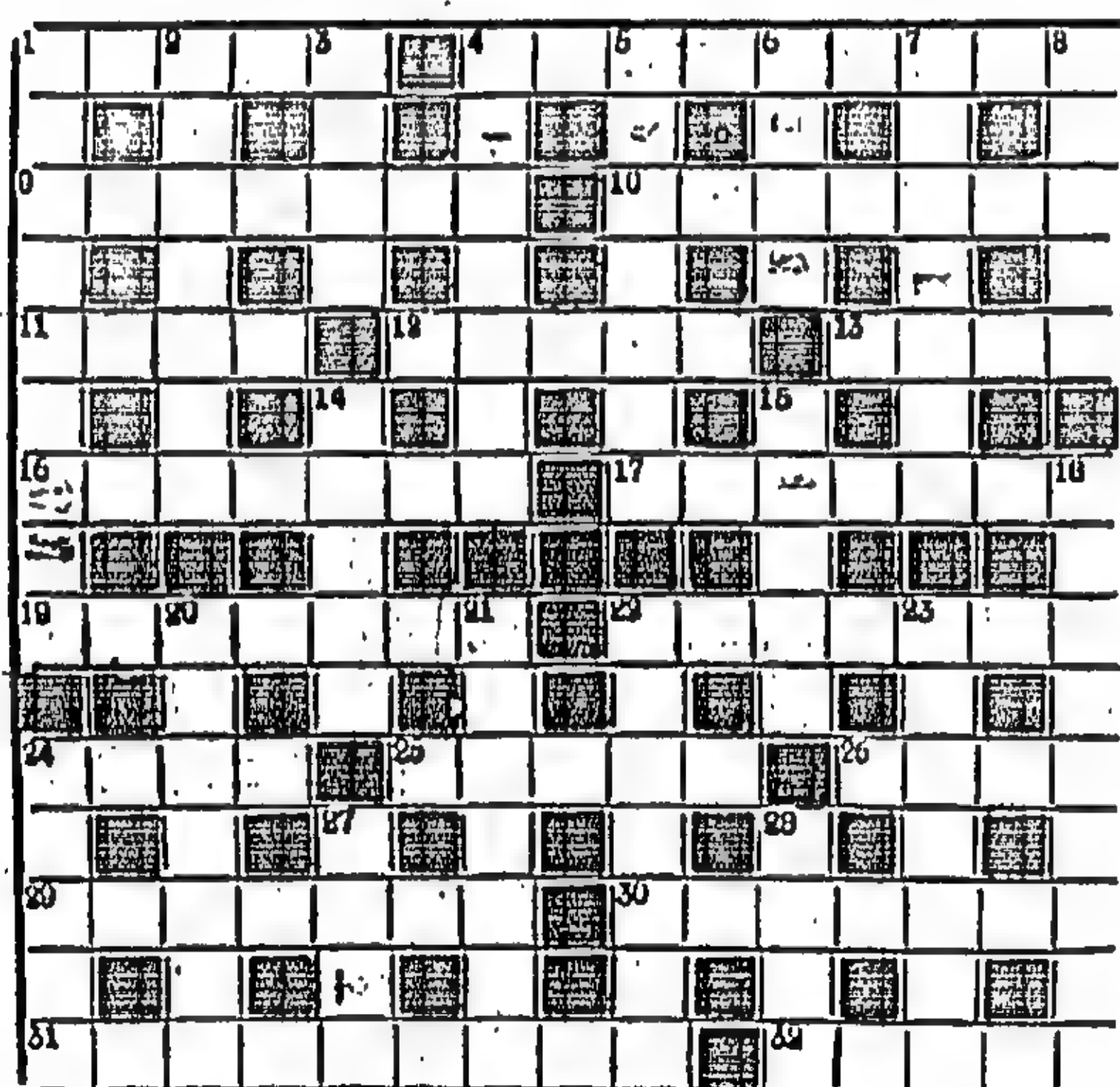
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- 10 Ballerina and writer make a flower (7).
- 11 Common plant or fish (4).
- 12 A formal Highland weapon (5).
- 13 A number with any following is numerous (4).
- 14 This craftsman is less active if he loses his head (7).
- 15 Golfers think this fault is misnamed (7).
- 16 A rupture of friendly relations that came from a cross-bow (7).
- 24 A make of piano (4).
- 25 Perfect (5).
- 26 Obviously this tax should not be dodged (4).
- 28 He is apt to look down on other men (7).
- 30 "Trooped" (anag.) (7).
- 31 The sort of warship to do damage (8).
- 32 It was good fortune for this musical composer to lose his head (5).

DOWN

- 1 Illumination for salvage work perhaps (9).
- 2 Post-war country of Europe (7).
- 3 Upset an insect and get a nasty taste (4).
- 4 The sort of wave to do damage (7).
- 5 Town old in France now in U.S.A. (7).
- 6 Flat fish not specially clever (4).

- 7 The name of this piece of luggage is an exhortation (7).
- 8 Fawn like a reptile (5).
- 14 The bird that gives advice to its chick trying to emerge from the shell (5).
- 15 It is the taxes that make this state (5).
- 18 This is a garden plant, not a home-made wine (9).
- 20 Artful dishes for entertainment (7).
- 21 Masculine name (or a Scandinavian deity?) (7).
- 22 The fraction that might mean the difference between life and death (7).
- 23 There's money in this sort of roll (7).
- 24 The decision from a draw (5).
- 27 This 11 across is a bird (4).
- 28 This might be used to check the progress of this vehicle (4).

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WHO IS FOR LIBERTY?

Implications of the Alliance

By "An Old Stager"

It is a pious theory assiduously promulgated from Berlin and Rome that the new Triple Alliance, comprising Germany, Japan, and Italy, is directed solely against the cause of Red Communism. That is a story entirely suitable perhaps for narration to the Marines, but one that must not be told to experienced diplomats.

Incidentally this precious Pact, so far from intimidating Red Communism, affords that vague but most disturbing spectre about the finest advertisement it ever received.

If Mussolini and Hitler sincerely desire only the extermination of Bolshevism, they have curiously enough taken the only action which could have placed it definitely on the map. What, then, is the true inwardness of this remarkable East-West Pact? There can be little doubt that a minor implication is that both Hitler and Mussolini, by solemnly putting their countries' signatures to this valuable scrap of paper, hope ultimately to reap some practical commercial and political benefit in the Far East. They may receive some special treatment in trading relations when Japan's new Chinese provinces are finally conquered if not settled.

How far, in the present temper of the Chinese people, this is a material asset, and how far a Chinese pig in a Japanese pen, remains to be seen much later. The totalitarian Dictators must be assumed to know their own business.

Weight of Metal
But this is certainly not the main object or intention of the new agreement so solemnly signed and consecrated. We are told it has no overt or secret military clauses, and this is likely enough. But it will accomplish its chief purpose: in the minds and estimation of the two Western signatories, if it adds the powerful weight of Japan's military strength to the diplomatic ponderability of that restless Berlin-Rome axis.

In less grandiose language, in brief, it is calculated to strengthen the conviction, in the minds of all whom it may concern, that the secretly camouflaged automates of the Western Dictators are heavily loaded. It may thus prove a useful lever in their ambitious programme of international hold-up and diplomatic blackmail. It will enable them to carry on with greatly strengthened effrontery their successful policy of bluff.

It may even, of course, in given circumstances, allow them to transform bluff into grim earnestness. If that appalling possibility exercises a restraining influence over those strange pacifists who seem to desire Great Britain to "give a lead to Europe," and in so doing become involved in another Great War without adequate assurance that we shall be as well supported as in 1914, it may not be altogether a misfortune. But there is no reason on earth why, whilst declining to be engaged into any such preposterous role, this Empire should tremble in its sen-boots because of the new Triple Alliance.

Friends of Freedom
The sincere friends of peace, after all, still mightily overshadow the apostles of aggressive militarism. The League of Nations, with U.S.A. a firm adherent, and the rest of the Geneva disciples strong in their pledged cohesion, would be far too tough a proposition even for the three powerful militant Powers in the world.

If it has indeed to come to another armed challenge, France, Britain, America, to fear the hazard of a trial of strength with Germany, Italy, and Japan. The mere fact of European Dictators leaning for better than anybody would put to an acid test the solidarity of the totalitarian facades on the home front. Hitler and Mussolini would need two armies each, one to meet the challenged might of outraged Europe and America and another to face the music on the domestic sector.

It will be noted that I have left Russia out of the equation. But, though to some extent Russia might have to encounter the same internal troubles, it is impossible to doubt that Russia is far more a popular dictatorship than is either Germany or Italy.

So, though there is every reason to avoid war at all reasonable cost, there is really no compelling cause to fear it on the right occasion. Our greatest danger is lest the enemies of world peace take our extreme pacifists seriously, and believe this country would in the last resort fight one more fight for peace.

If America Joined

Is the probability of U.S.A. coming into the League, and Geneva acquiring practical reality, a broken reed? The most intelligent students of Weltpolitik believe it is very far from being so. The trump card is U.S.A. If America joined up for the duration with the League, the solidarity of the rest of the Geneva following would instantly ensue.

And what are the signs and portents in U.S.A.? A sea-change is coming over American opinion. The intelligent across the Atlantic have long been on the side of Anglo-American entente. Still longer has been the earnest dream of our own leaders of national thought. Hitherto there have been two main obstacles. One was the Irish question, but that has now ceased to exist. The other was American suspicion of what was held to be British imperialism. But since the war the American people, closely following events, have become more and more persuaded that we are as thoroughly democratic as themselves. America as a whole is slowly coming to realise that the only democracies that now count in the world's affairs are U.S.A., France, and Great Britain, and the evolution of the British Commonwealth.

Implications of the Alliance

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as a great sea-girt United States, imbued with the same Anglo-Saxon free tradition as themselves, is rapidly strengthening that conviction. From America has just lately come the overtures for a trade agreement with this country. It is a gesture far more significant, and fraught with infinitely greater potentialities, than any mere commercial programme of mutual interests. It is a sign of the changing times. America recognises the challenge of the slave-States to human liberty. She feels that she cannot stand aside when that momentous issue emerges. By leaguising themselves with Japan, whose menace is well realised in U.S.A., the Western Dictators have given a great impetus to America's realisation of mutual interests across the broad Atlantic.

Biding Our Time
These are not merely my own personal interpretations of the mo-

mentous evolution of world history. They are the opinions firmly held and widely expressed by many of the leading minds of this country and U.S.A.

When the Kaiser's War Lords flouted American opinion during the crisis of 1914-18, they sealed their own doom. Hitler and Mussolini, both names already heartily execrated throughout America to-day, may find that they have committed an even more fatal blunder. Just as they are, in the name of an anti-Communist crusade, making Communism a force in Weltpolitik, so they have, by their new alliance, helped immensely to bridge the Western ocean.

We have but to bide our time, and avoid flamboyant sabre-rattling in the mistaken name of pacifism, and it will be found that the big battalions of the world are on the side of the peace alliance. To-day Germany and Italy stand for medievalism. But in the great big world of mentally enfranchised humanity there is no place for twentieth-century medievalism. Nations must get their heads out. The swaggering panache of up-to-date militarism is a panache of dear old Mrs. Partington's famous but somewhat antediluvian mop.

A VALE OF DELIGHT

AFTER an absence of many years I revisited Frail—a fair valley in the upper reaches of Tweed. I had almost forgotten what it was like until, on rounding the corner at Craiglaw, my memory was instantly refreshed by the scene of surpassing beauty that lay before me.

On the right nestled the steeple of Hawick; on the left towered high hills where berry-clad growths waved in the morning sun-shine, while dark Frail Water flowed through meadows fair to behold. In the distance the green slopes of Hartfell melted in the skies with a softness unusual for a hill of such massive height. It is in the bosom of this mountain that the peat-stained stream comes to life.

As I made my first east across a dark pool, memory took me back to boyhood days when my father and I filled a creel with trout one summer day. A full creel is hard to get in these days—but Frail is a troutful stream. The air of that wild hill country has an invigorating quality I know of nowhere else; for the winds from Gairloch's height are pure, and the faint incense of burning peats adds a subtle charm.

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I bade them good-bye—only for a season. I will return next summer when the grass grows green and the winds from Gairloch's height sing songs of healing and inspiration to all who would take the opportunity of visiting this valley of enchantment.

John Rae



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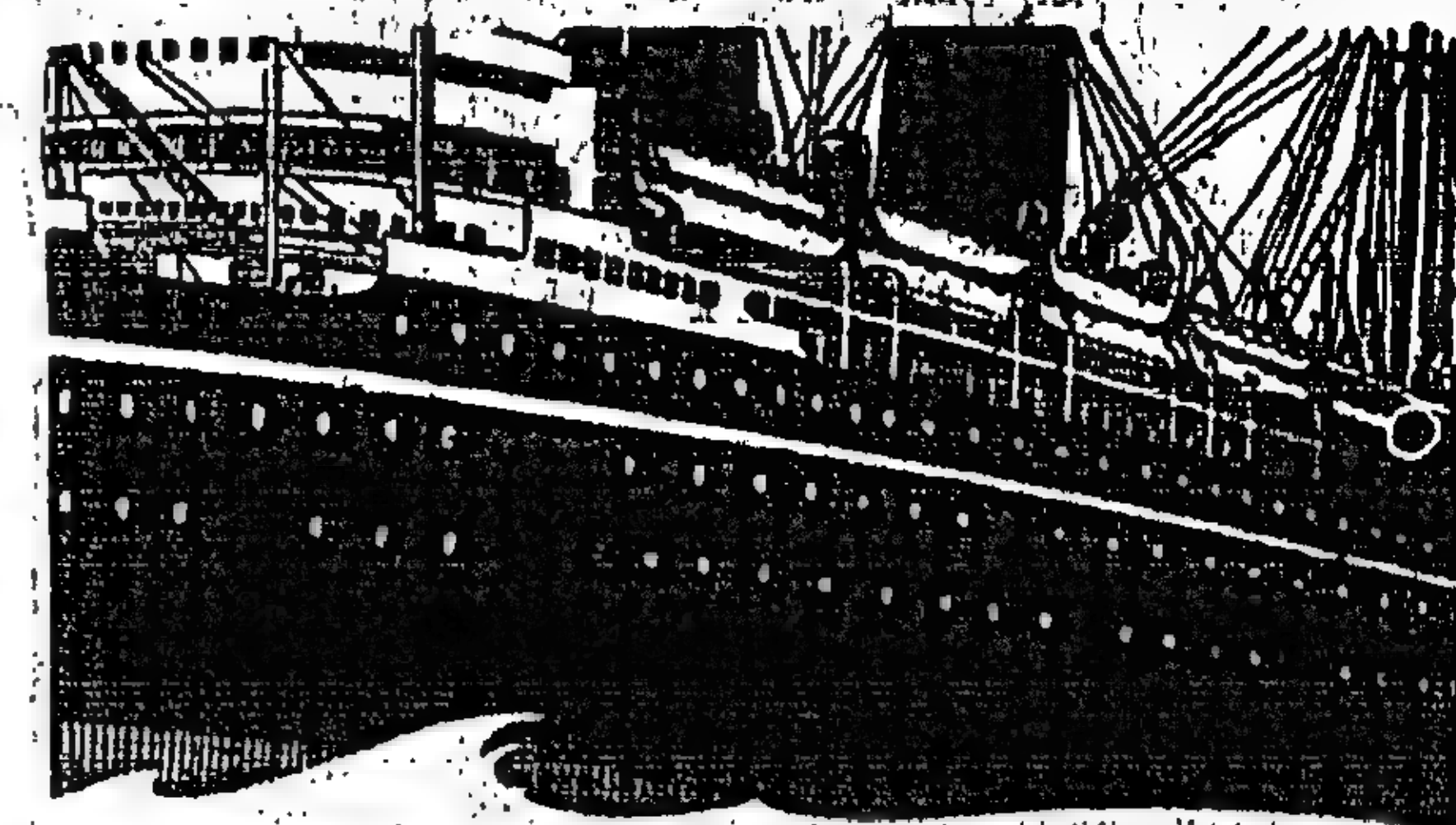
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GAMES EVENING TO BE HELD

A Bridge and Mahjong Drive will be held on Monday, January 17, at 3 p.m., in the Peninsula Hotel in aid of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

H.E. The Governor Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote have intimated their desire to be present. Tickets for this function (\$1.50) may be had from Mrs. J. T. Smalley, 51 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon. Anyone booking a table should notify Mrs. Smalley, so that the table may be numbered and identified with that person's name. Those in charge of tickets should also bring his or her own playing cards, or mahjong sets. It is anticipated that a humorous auction will terminate the proceedings.

MANY HOMELESS FROM FLOODS

7,000 IN ITALY NEED ASSISTANCE

Rome, Dec. 17. Seven thousand people are now homeless or dependent on public assistance as a result of the floods in the suburbs of Rome, due to nine days of heavy rain.

Several people were drowned in the Rome province, and the River Tiber is now 34 feet above normal level. Water has covered the arches of the Milvio Bridge and is level with the roadway. Crowds are watching from the banks to see if the bridge will fall. Part of the city is under water causing big delays in the train service. Firemen in boats rescued 200 dogs from the Rome Municipal Lost Dog Home just before water overwhelmed the kennels. Many acres of land are swamped, grain destroyed and many sheep and cattle drowned. —Reuter's Special.

WARSHIPS TO VISIT HERE

Macao, Dec. 16. Early in the coming week the first-class sloop Bartholomew Dias, under the command of Commander F. Ribeiro, and the second-class sloop Goncalo Velho, in the command of Commander H. O. Pinto, will be leaving Macao on a visit to Hongkong.

The two Portuguese men-of-war arrived from Lisbon a few months ago, the Bartholomew Dias having been here since late October and the Goncalo Velho preceding it by about a month.

Both vessels will remain in Hongkong for three or four days before returning to Macao. —Our Own Correspondent.

NO RESTRICTION ON FIREWORKS FOR HALF HOUR

Regulations prohibiting the use of fireworks in Hongkong will be suspended on New Year's Eve for half an hour.

The Colonial Secretary's Department announces that fireworks (other than unlawful fireworks) may be left off without police interference between 11.45 p.m. on December 31 and 12.15 a.m. on January 1.

Hongkong Chinese will be able to celebrate the passing of the old year for half an hour without hindrance. Then, at 12.15 a.m., sharp, the heavy hand of the law will once again descend.

OFFICER OBTAINS DIVORCE

A divorce case of interest to naval circles in Hongkong was heard in the Divorce Court in London on December 6, when Mr. Justice Langton granted a decree nisi to Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Alan Colquhoun Burnett, of Portsmouth and late of H.M.S. Terror II in Singapore.

DIPLOMATS DISCUSS BOMBING

But Saito Brings No Communication To Washington

Two Wounded In Bad Plight

Washington, Dec. 17. The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Hiroshi Saito, discussed the Panny affair with Mr. Cordell Hull to-day, but said he had not brought a specific communication from the Japanese Government.

Admiral Yarnell reported to the Navy Department that the condition of two of the sailor wounded during the bombing of the Panny was critical. The condition of three others was serious and the condition of six others favourable. —Reuter.

Admiral Mitsunami Recalled

Tokyo, Dec. 17. It is confirmed here that Rear-Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, who has been in charge of the Japanese air force in China waters, has been recalled in connection with the Panny incident. —Reuter.

M.G. SIGNALS AT DINNER

Subsections "A" and "B" of the Machine Gun Signals, I.I.K.V.D.C. held an informal dinner at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday evening. Every member of the unit was present and some thirty-five men sat down to dinner.

In the course of a speech, the O.C., Lt. A. N. Braude, emphasised the valuable work done by the unit during combined operations in the spring. The experience gained during the four days in the field was the equivalent, in his opinion, of six months training on the parade ground at Headquarters.

The enthusiasm at Camp, this year, proved that it was a very necessary part of the Volunteer Training programme, and he could trace a dropping off in keenness, in other units as well, to the lack of camp in 1936. However, the M.G. Signals had been lucky inasmuch as week-end camp had been arranged at Whitfield Barracks.

In welcoming the number of new men to the unit, Lt. Braude emphasised the need for more recruits, particularly for the European Detachment Riding Subsection. He felt that if this branch were more widely known to the motorcycling fans in the Colony, there would be no difficulty in bringing this subsection up to full strength.

In the course of the evening, several films were shown on a projector belonging to Sgt. King. These included the Coronation procession and ceremony and the Naval Review at Spithead.

STOP PRESS NEWS

New Water Pipes For Harbour

Recommendations contained in a Report on the Water Supply of Hongkong, tabled in Legislative Council last April, are being put in hand by Government with one radical alteration.

Instead of adopting the recommendation for the construction of a new 18-inch harbour pipe-line, at an estimated cost of \$280,000, Government has decided to construct two 21-inch mains across the harbour bed, at a much greater cost.

Notice of proposal to construct the new pipe-lines is contained in this morning's Government Gazette.

Work has already commenced on dredging the harbour bed to take the lines, which will be laid down slightly to the westward of the existing pipe-lines.

As soon as the new 21-inch mains are completed, the existing lines will be abandoned.

Examination early this year by a P.W.D. diver revealed that the 12-inch pipeline laid across the harbour in 1929-30 has practically reached the limit of its useful life. Corrosion has so affected the metal that in the event of a fracture of the pipeline it is doubtful if reinstatement could be effected. Serious corrosion has also taken place in the existing 18-inch main. The mainland makes a considerable contribution to the City's water needs, and the importance of the security of cross-harbour pipelines is recognised to such an extent by Government that it has decided to secure adequate supplies for many years to come by laying down two new 21-inch mains, instead of one 18-inch pipeline, as recommended.

The Report tabled in Legislative Council last April revealed that any damage to existing pipe-lines across the harbour would leave the island in a serious position. These lines, it was stated, form a vulnerable section of the Island's "lines of communication."

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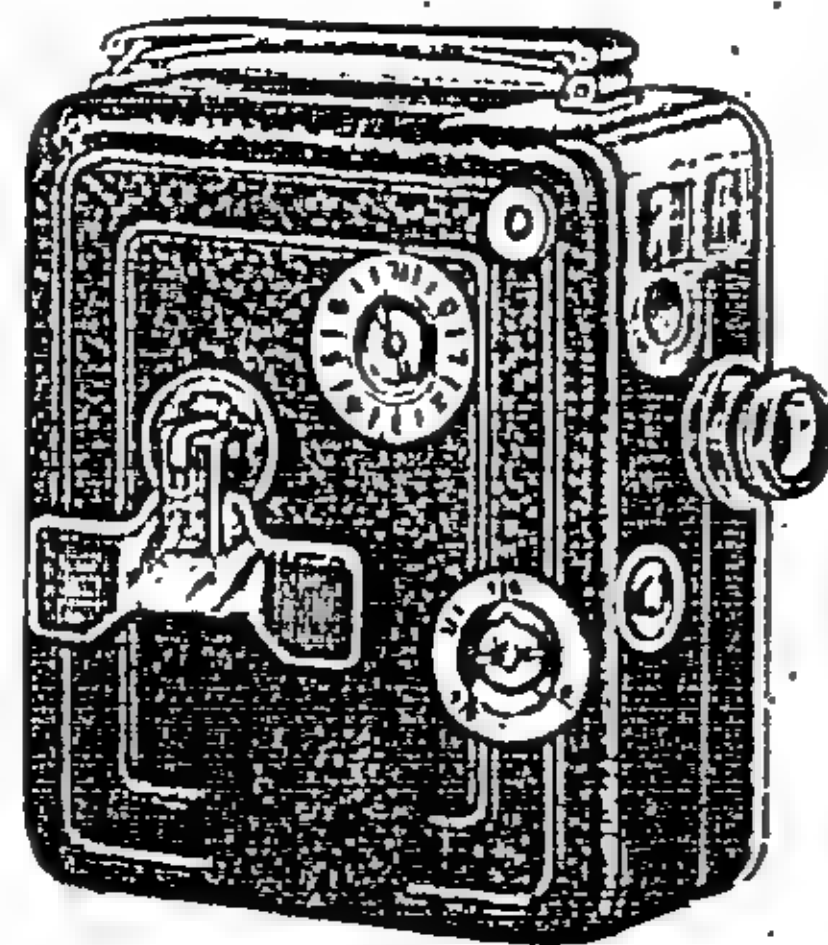
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FEVERED WAR ACTIVITY IN NINE PROVINCES

Impossible To Tell Where Japan's Army Will Land Next Blow

Terrible Tale Of Fall Of Chinese Capital

REFUGEES ABREADY EVACUATING KWANGTUNG; SOME GOING ABROAD

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

A deadly military chess game is being played by the Chinese and Japanese armies as the opposing forces manoeuvre their war machines for impending big battles. As the pace of the real-life war game quickens, foreign and Chinese observers are finding the strategy of the rival forces a matter for great speculation. While both sides rush men, ammunition and supplies to the war zones, observers are finding difficulty in naming the definite points where the Japanese army will strike.

There are nine provinces where feverish manoeuvring is taking place: Kiangsi, Kiangsu, Chekiang, Shantung, Hunan, Hupeh, Anhwei, Fukien and Kwangtung.

Meanwhile driving northward along two routes, Japanese army units, according to Chinese reports, seem to be making a bold bid for Hsuehchow in northern Kiangsu, which is located on the Tientsin-Pukow railway close to the Shantung border. This ambitious move is said to be developing slowly, enabling the Japanese to march into Shantung from the south and to aid in completing the link which the Japanese military leaders claim will stretch in an unbroken line from Peiping to Shanghai.

Tells Of Battle For Nanking

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
An awe-inspiring spectacle of terrible fury was seen from the roof of the Italian Embassy on the afternoon of December 12 when the Chinese defence at Nanking collapsed, says Mr. L. S. Smith, Reuter's special correspondent, who returned to Shanghai aboard H.M.S. Ladybird, yesterday after covering the siege of Nanking from beginning to end.

Mr. Smith revealed that the Purple Mountain, a well-known landmark north of the city, was blazing as bursting shells set fire to trees on its summit. To the south three great fires sent towering columns of smoke to the sky, while Nanking vibrated with the impact of shells crashing on the waterworks hill west of the city where Chinese batteries vigorously replied. Two Japanese balloons directed the Japanese fire.

A sudden change in the situation occurred at 4.30 p.m. when panic was observed among the Chinese civilians who were seen diving into dugouts and crying out "The Japanese are in the city." Chinese troops were then seen pouring northwards towards the waterfront. Some were well disciplined, others were throwing their arms away, but all were hurrying. Almost an entire division streamed past the American Embassy and reached a point not far beyond when scattered shots were heard. Then the troops came back reluctantly, the better-trained men of the 88th Division having forced their return.

Retreat Resumed

Soon the retreat was resumed with the support of other divisions of interior provincial troops. The Chungshan Road, a main artery leading to the waterfront, was a solid mass of retreating troops and pack animals with guns, many men shedding equipment of grenades, rifles, ammunition.

JAPANESE ADMIT REVERSES Forced To Retire In Shansi Thousands Of Men Withdrawn

Peiping, Dec. 18.

Close observers of the Sino-Japanese conflict believe that Hsuehchow need not fear immediate attack through the Peiping-Hankow railway, as the Japanese have not advanced beyond Changteh in north Honan, where they have been at a standstill for several weeks, while in Shansi a withdrawal is admitted. The Japanese troops there at present are on the defensive 30 miles south of Taiyuanfu, and a Japanese spokesman admitted that the forces were insufficient to take the southern half of the province.

Attacks on the railways to points within 20 miles of Peiping are frequent, but it is believed impossible that the Japanese will drive even as far as the Yellow River on the Peiping-Hankow line without leaving the right flank seriously exposed. The Chinese have destroyed 20 miles of railway south of Changteh, and the fact that 75,000 Japanese troops have been withdrawn from North China during the past two months is taken to indicate that no big southern drive is at present envisaged.

CHINESE HUNTING SAFETY

Stowaways Crowd
H.K. Ships' Holds

Fearing that Japanese operations will spread to South China, hundreds of Chinese refugees are evacuating already.

Of 1,000 passengers brought to Hongkong from Canton by the river ferry Fatshan yesterday, over 200 are said to have booked passages for other countries. Approximately 400 of the Fatshan passengers were refugees from Hankow.

Immigration laws in the Philippines, Straits Settlements and elsewhere in the Far East are preventing the exodus from Hongkong becoming general.

Knowing the horrors of unemployment, famine and aerial bombardment, from which many refugees do not believe Hongkong is safe, hundreds of Chinese are stowing away at this port in an effort to reach centres more remote from the scene of conflict.

Last month more than 100 Chinese stowaways were discovered by Singapore immigration officers.

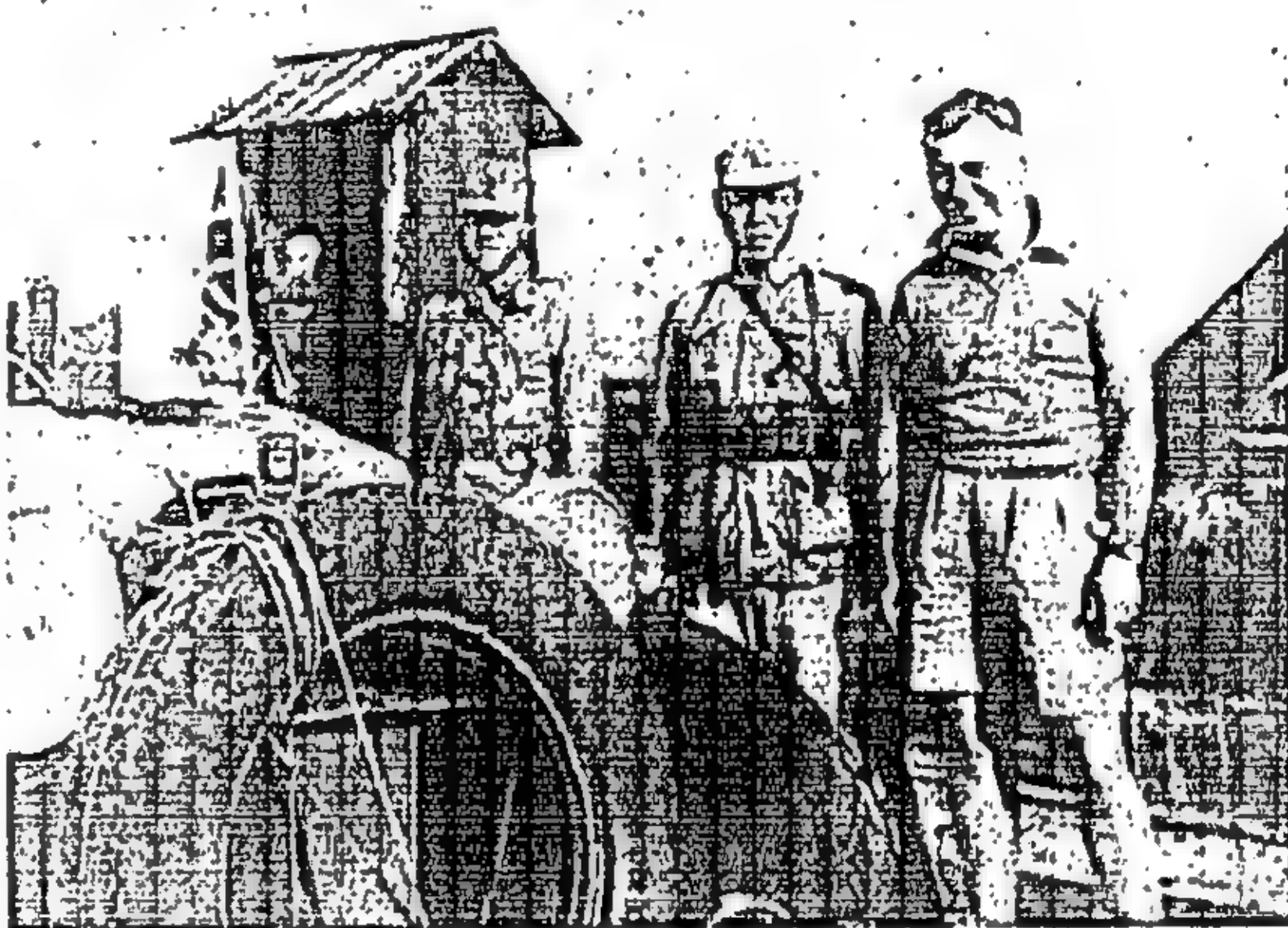
Throwing open the hatches of one ship which arrived in Singapore from Hongkong recently, immigration officers, carrying torches, searched the holds and found a batch of 80 stowaways. They were all nearly overcome by the rigours of the journey, deep down among a cargo of dried fish, cheese, fruit and vegetables.

Legitimate entry into Singapore has been rendered more difficult by a recent announcement that the Chinese monthly immigration quota is to be reduced from 6,000 to 3,000 from January 1. The Straits Government has been forced to make this reduction through the marked falling off in the number of Chinese returning to China since the beginning of hostilities.

Formerly, quota ships brought more than 1,200 Chinese a week back to Hongkong and China, but since the war they are only bringing a few hundred.

Dr. Koo Warns Powers Against Japan

MADE DANGEROUS TRIP



Mr. A. W. Martin of Hongkong recently drove from Shanghai to Nanking and back and in the story below relates the adventures of the trip. Twice he lay flat in paddyfields to escape Japanese airmen.

H. K. MAN TELLS OF DANGEROUS NANKING DRIVE

Japanese Planes Drop Out Of Clouds Upon Nervous Motorists

Mr. A. W. Martin, Gestetner's manager here, was recently obliged to make the risky journey to Nanking from Shanghai by motor car in order to remove valuable stock belonging to his company from the path of the war in China's capital. He was in Nanking just before the siege commenced.

Yesterday, just back in Hongkong, he told his story to a Hongkong Telegraph representative.

"We ran the gauntlet through the Sino-Japanese war areas," he said. "We had a lot of stock up there and it was necessary for me to get it out. We started out at night, my driver and I, but were stopped at the gates of the French Concession and told the journey was 'much too dangerous' and that there was shooting on the road. This, of course, was true, but actually they wanted the highway clear for Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, who was going through that night."

"We argued about it until 3 a.m. and then I wandered about until 5 a.m. and finally got through. For the first 30 miles we travelled in total darkness and at dawn were crossing a ferry."

"The first 100 miles were terrible. The most ghastly road you could imagine, all covered with flint that played havoc with my tyres which were all right when we started but were really perished. Nevertheless we made good progress all morning, hardly stopping to eat. We had the hood down to watch the sky for raiding Japanese airmen which had been constantly machine-gunning automobiles on the highway."

Planes Roar Down

"Sure enough, they came at us out of the clouds and roared down almost before we could realise they were actually heading for us. We had been watching so carefully, and were arguing as to whether we had taken the right turning, and had slowed to ask a coolie on the roadside. He pointed to the sky, and ran into a paddyfield. We realised the danger, looked up and there they were—two Japanese machines diving on us. I did not even stop the engine. (Continued on Page 11.)"

Eight New Flying Boats For Empire

London, Dec. 17.
Imperial Airways has ordered eight big, four-engined, all-metal flying boats from aeroplane manufacturers at Rochester, Kent. They will be the same type and also as the famous Empire flying boats, but there will be differences in detail as a result of experience gained. The new machines are ordered to cope with the over-growing traffic on the Empire routes.—Reuter.

British Crew Strikes Liner Sails Without Passengers

New York, Dec. 17.
The liner Queen of Bermuda sailed from New York to-day without her crew, owing to a walk-out by 250 members of the crew, who protested against the recent dismissal of 72 of their comrades, and the refusal of the employers to recognise the men's Union.—Reuter.

MAY CARRY WAR TO NEW FIELDS

Hopes U.S. Will Join Britain and France To Safeguard Peace

Paris, Dec. 17.

Dr. Wellington Koo, principal Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, addressing the Academy of Diplomacy to-day asked: "Will Europe and America always refrain from acting?" when he historically reviewed the Japanese advances since 1931.

He said that to all appearances the Powers had become silent spectators of a drama which may not only affect China, but vitally modify the future world.

"If Japan ever controls China's tremendous manpower and natural wealth, she will not hesitate to carry arms to other countries," exclaimed Dr. Koo.

The Sino-Japanese conflict was really a test of the solidarity of the forces for peace against those of aggression. He hoped that Franco-British co-operation would develop a world-wide collective peace through the accession of a great democracy across the Atlantic.—Reuter.

Boycott Pressed

London, Dec. 17.

Society women, novelists, students and clergymen took part in an anti-Japanese poster parade in crowded Oxford Street this afternoon. The demonstrators paraded with sandwich boards bearing the slogans "Buy No Japanese Goods And Help To Stop Japan's Aggression". Thousands of slips bearing the words "Don't Buy Japanese Goods" were distributed to Christmas shoppers.—Reuter.

Press For Damages

London, Dec. 17.

At a meeting in London of the China Laison Committee of the Federation of British Industries, including representatives of the China Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (Continued on Page 11.)

STOP PRESS

TRIBUTE TO ROYALNAVY

A high tribute to the courage of officers and men of the Royal Navy involved in the recent Yangtze bombing incidents has been paid by Admiral Harry Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet. A signal addressed to Admiral Sir Charles Little, the British Commander-in-Chief, was personally delivered to the Senior Naval Officer in Shanghai and received in Hongkong to-day.

The message expresses "the deep appreciation of myself and the personnel under my command for the prompt and courageous assistance rendered to the personnel of the U.S.S. Panay."

It continues: "The British naval officers with unselfish disregard for their own safety proceeded immediately to the scene of the bombing and in the face of the threatened force and armed opposition, rendered all possible aid until all Americans were out of danger."

"The action of Rear Admiral Holt and Captain O'Donnell and officers and men of H.M.S. Bee, the fine co-operation of Vice-Admiral Crabbe and Captain Dundas and the welcome assistance of Lieut.-Commander Barlow and officers and men of H.M.S. Ladybird, exemplify those high standards which are the proud tradition of the Royal Navy."

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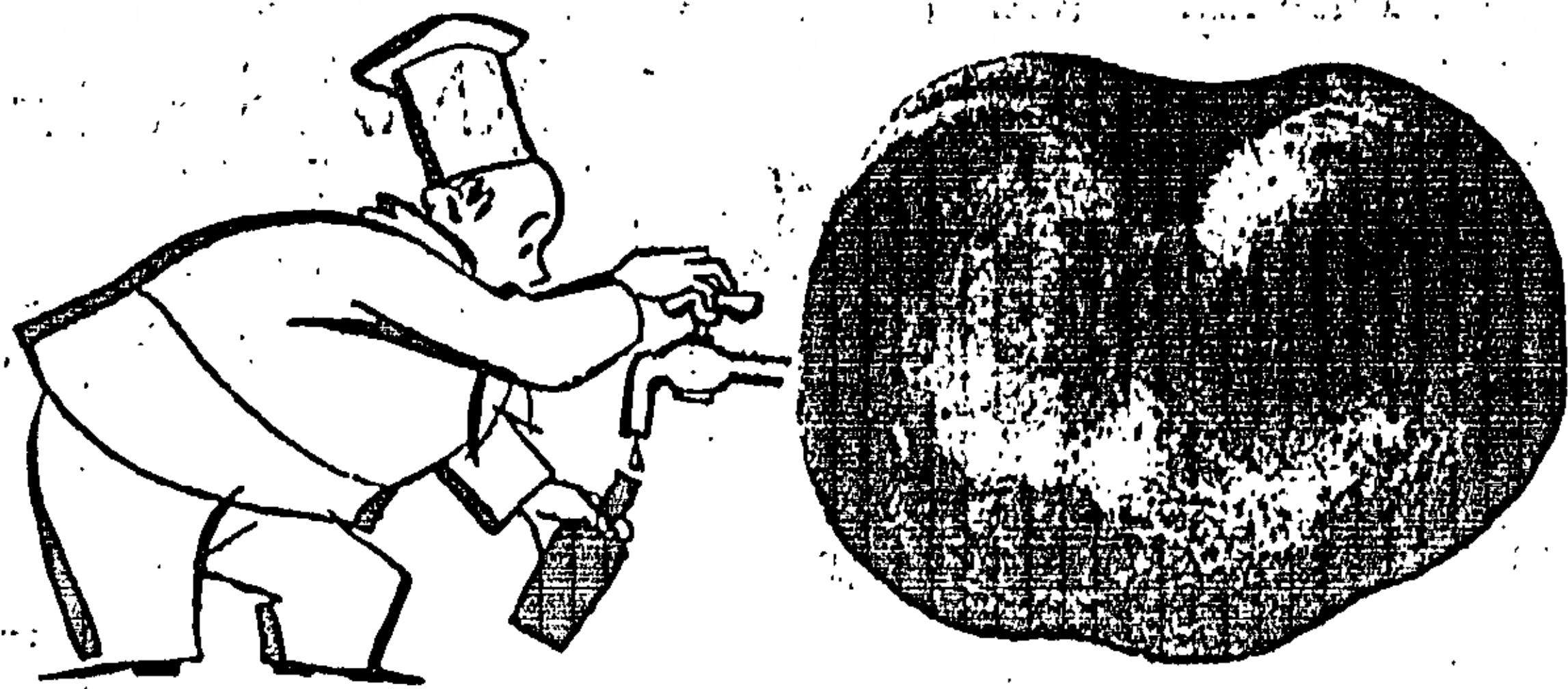
Inspecting Navy Bases

Lord Of Admiralty
Making Tour

London, Dec. 17.

Colonel J.J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, will shortly inspect naval establishments in the East, combined with a visit to Australia as the principal delegate of the Empire Parliamentary Association at the 100th anniversary celebrations of New South Wales.

Colonel Llewellyn will sail from Toulon by the steamer Oransey on December 24 and will call at Aden on January 2, and at Colombo on January 6, where he will inspect naval establishments. He arrives in Fremantle on January 18 and in Sydney on January 25. He is due to leave Sydney on February 4, arrive in Singapore on February 6, where he will inspect the dockyard and naval establishments, and will return to England by air on February 10, calling at Rangoon, Calcutta, Delhi and Alexandria.—Reuter.



LESSON FROM HOME PAGE COOK ON

How to make APPLE WINE

O H, good morning, Mrs. Wimblestraw. —with other assorted advice for dear Mrs. Wimblestraw

here! We haven't met for ages, have we? Yes, hasn't it been nice? No, I mean, isn't it delightful to see each other after such a long time?

You have such a lot of questions to ask me, have you? And you don't know where to start? So long as you know where to stop, my dear Mrs. Wimblestraw, fire away.

Cider is Complicated

YOU have got a lot of wind-fall apples, and you want to know if you can make cider of them. You cannot, unless you like to turn half the house into a cider factory. I am tired of seeing recipes for so-called cider. To make cider you want, first of all, a cider press. Have you got one? No, I thought you hadn't. So take my advice, and make some apple wine. This is a very pleasant, refreshing drink, but, when giving it to your friends, please don't tell them that it is cider. Some of them might know different and would say that you were an old fraud.

For each gallon of water slice up

Baking Soda Uses

WHEN stewing acid fruits add a quarter of a teaspoonful of baking-soda to every pound of fruit. Only two-thirds of the amount of sugar normally used is then required. Add it during the last five or ten minutes of cooking.

If a pinch of baking-soda is added to an egg white before whisking it will come up better. A pinch can also be added to whole eggs required for cakes and puddings and to baked milk puddings such as rice and tapioca. It makes them creamier, but it must not be more than a pinch or it may taste the pudding.

Baking-soda and cream of tartar can be substituted for baking-powder in any recipe. For every teaspoonful of baking-powder use a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a small half teaspoonful of baking-soda.

For ginger-bread, cakes and puddings containing asyrup, or treacle, baking-soda alone will raise them.

There is an advantage in using baking-soda, and cream of tartar (if necessary), when cakes or puddings cannot all be cooked at once. Baking-powder begins to act at once in a moist mixture, but when the two ingredients making it up are added separately the mixture can be left for a little time before it is cooked. Remember this when you come to make Christmas puddings.

W. H.

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When and How To Be Frank

TWO women between whom there I had begun to develop a deep friendship, suddenly parted and, on my expressing surprise about the position to one of them, she vouchsafed an explanation. "She was mortally offended because I told her that her laughter sounded harsh," she told me.

Knowing the speaker I understood that nothing was further from her remark than "cattiness." She had genuinely admired her former, short-tempered friend, and consequently she had broached the subject of the harsh laughter so that the friend might correct the defect.

But her good intentions availed naught. Her friend took the criticism in a spirit of resentfulness and became cool. In such a mood, it was inevitable that many things her friend did should jar on her, and it was not long before the association disintegrated entirely.

A Delicate Point

The question of frankness is one of the most delicate points of contact between human beings. It is so easy, if not actually to antagonise anyone by one remark, at least to start a little wound which is easily aggravated by some other. Most men and women are sensitive, some excessively so. It is all very well to assert jocularly the old adage about sticks and stones. Some people are as forcibly hurt by words as by sticks.

A woman who happens to be exaggeratedly "straight," expressed the opinion that she did not see why she should "play up to" people. She said she wants to be frank, and that's all there is to it; why should she restrain her opinions?

Here is the typical outlook of the people who go in deliberately for being frank. Such people consider it almost a breach of their convictions to be anything else.

People, however, have a right to expect, to a certain extent, the kind of treatment that best appeals to their temperaments, just as they have the right to be called by some particular name they have selected for themselves, and just as, when they are the guests of anyone, their hostess will do her best to consider their special tastes and requirements.

Without becoming unduly sentimental, charm and goodwill do make

life more pleasant. Most of us enjoy making our friends physically comfortable and happy, so why should we not employ this principle to make them mentally happy, too?

There are some people, of course, who are so constituted that they do not object to derogatory remarks. With them, contact is plain sailing. We can give free rein to our thoughts, but with those who are apt to feel hurt, a milder approach is called for.

Gliding the Pill

Then, again, there is the question of the manner in which we utter an unlooked opinion. That we know has a great deal to do with its reception. It is sometimes possible for the same remark to be taken either in good or in bad part, according to whether it is delivered in a spirit of gentle suggestion or in one of dogmatism.

Another thing I have noticed is that some people are only sensitive about certain things. They may be quite capable of taking destructive criticism about their looks, say, yet they may be deeply wounded by an attack, however mild, on their sense of humour. Still on the principle of meeting out to people the treatment they prefer, the right course here is, obviously, to keep clear of those points about which they feel keenly.

A Reforming Instinct

Many people are frank from a desire to reform. The reforming instinct, incidentally, is quite a powerful one in human nature. Unfortunately, it is not one which is welcomed. The major part of humanity hates being bludgeoned into righteousness. It is a much wiser course to leave reforming and correction to those officially engaged in it.

A curious fact about reform fans is that they hate their own medicine. They prescribe it freely for others, but just attempt to give them some of it! No, correction is not always a pleasant potion.

Frankness is a thing about which we have to use our judgment. We have to consider the subject, the matter, and the manner, then act, or rather speak, accordingly.

Roma Lobel

COAL ECONOMIES

IT pays in the long run to have the most modern and economical grates fitted in all your rooms if your house is rather old-fashioned, and this has not already been done, it is beyond your means, however, there are other ways of saving coal which entail no outlay.

To begin with, there is that slack which accumulates so quickly in the cellar and which deadens a fire when it is shovelled on mixed up with the coal as is so often done by economically-minded persons. It will not detract from the heat of your fire at all, though, if it is used skillfully. Mix it in a corner of the cellar with some water until it is a wet mass, and fill a spare bucket with it. Keep it handy, and place a shovelful of the mixture two or three times daily on the back of your open grate fires whenever they are burning well.

Heat at the back of a fire, particularly at the base, is not needed like it is at the sides and the front, and half of it, anyhow, is wasted up the chimney, so you will not feel its loss while the mixture is slowly burning through.

It will cake well if you do not allow it to get too dry, and if you ram it down hard. Use discretion in the amount you put on at one time, and it will not be long before the flames at the front are licking all over the top of it and sending a good heat out into the room.

Have you ever considered that you can practically quarter your coal bill by religiously sifting the ashes every day to save cinders? A filthy job?—yes, when done in the ordinary way, and that is why those who cannot bear to waste anything, ever bother to do it.

It can be done without one being smothered with dust, though, with a sifter, and a large piece of old sacking which can be kept for the purpose.

Before commencing to sift the ashes over the dust-bin, cover the sifter with the sheeting. If large enough, you will find that it not only covers the sifter but falls naturally all round the outside of the dustbin

CHICKEN LORE

IF you wish to keep an uncooked chicken and do not know if it is perfectly fresh, you can keep it in condition until ready to use by placing an unpeeled onion inside it. Renew the onion after three days, and replace with a fresh one, should you require to keep the chicken that long.

Should you have to pluck a chicken, you will find the feathers come away much more readily if the bird is dipped in and out of hot water. But this must not be done if the bird is not to be cooked at once.

Where the age of a "chick" is doubtful, to make certain it will turn out tender, partly boil for about one hour before roasting. When finishing off in the oven, affix with a skewer a piece of fat on the top.

Delicacy of flavour, the small-boned, short-legged bird is best, provided its span of days has been brief. This you can always ascertain by plucking once or twice at the skin beneath the wing. It is does not tear readily. Fowl would better describe it, and it must be dealt with as a fowl to make the most of it.

When cooked chicken is put away in the larder, care should be taken, for it is likely to get hard soon. To avoid this the bird should be put on a clean dish, wrapped in a cloth, then placed in the coolest part of the larder, where it will keep beautifully fresh and tender to the last.

Finally, a good value-for-money test to apply to chickens is to look for one with thin skin and pliable breastbone. The toes, also, should be pliable.

Ivle P. Holden

as you shake the sifter over it. The dust can thus escape nowhere but into the bin.

The cinders saved in this way can be mixed very judiciously with the coal so that the fire is never appreciably dented.

R. R.

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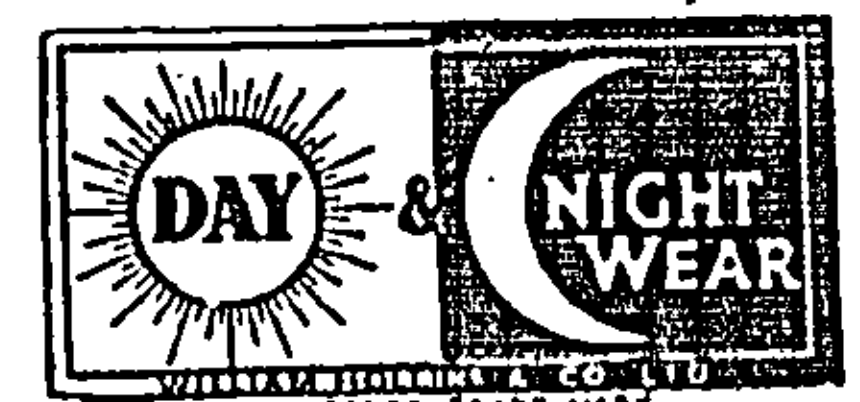
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TOO MANY BEARS IN ENGLAND

THERE are too many bears in England. The Zoo has over 30 in London and Whipsnade and cannot even give any of them away.

When Mr. Gerald Iles, manager of the zoo at Belle Vue, Manchester, visited Regent's Park the other day he was offered some bears—as a gift.

He declined them. Belle Vue has all the bears it wants.

The two young Wrangel Island bears recently acquired from Moscow are still in the sanatorium.

A home for them in which the public could see them cannot be found in any enclosure which is safe for bears.

PIERCE WHEN ANGRY

Bears can be exceedingly disagreeable with other bears and are fierce fighters when roused.

At first it was hoped to place the latest arrivals with the four little Russian bears at present in the sanatorium, who were shown (but not played with for long!) in Pets' Corner.

This idea has wisely been abandoned as care has to be exercised in providing a home for young bears.

They are strong, mischievous, destructive, and, if stirred by curiosity, will probably try to break out. Thus, a temporary home is apt to be too temporary to be safe.

The public will therefore have to wait patiently till the housing problem is solved before the Wrangel bears are on view.



Kay Stammers, British tennis player, is seen examining the result of her screen tests at Hollywood. In spite of tests Miss Stammers has denied that she will leave the tennis court for the motion picture field.

DRESSING LIKE FILM STARS ON 45/- A WEEK

(By Jan MacKay)

Startling disclosures of the wages of City clerks and the conditions under which some of them have to work in "underground dens" were made last month.

The occasion was the opening meeting of a campaign to establish an office workers' charter.

Mr. George Ridley, M.P., himself a railway clerk's representative, contrasted the good conditions which the railway unions had won for their members with the shameful conditions of many men and women in outside commercial business.

"There are," he said, "in this country wooden offices, underground offices, badly ventilated, badly furnished and hideous in which hundreds of men and women are gasping their lives out to an early grave."

He referred to the brutal and contemptuous way in which rationalisation was throwing thousands of clerks on to the scrap heap, and to the queues of blackcoated workers outside the employment exchanges.

WOMEN: PAY AND DRESS

Miss Ann Godwin, Women Clerks Association, said there were thousands of girls in a great city like London trying to live on 35s. a week.

"How they do it God only knows," she went on, "but when they get as much as 45s. a week they are expected to dress like Marlene Dietrich."

Miss Godwin announced that a trade union deputation met the Minister of Labour (Mr. Brown) in the morning to urge him to abolish fee-charging private employment agencies.

They gave him evidence that some clerks were charged as much as 10 per cent. of their year's salary in return for a job.

Mr. Brown, however, she declared, refused to act and stated quite definitely that in his opinion these agencies were a quite legitimate form of private enterprise.

PRE-WAR SNOBBERY

Mr. H. H. Elvin, chairman of the Trades Union Congress, and secretary of the National Union of Clerks, said that before the war the failure of clerical workers to organise was due to snobbery.

Apathy to-day was due to lack of knowledge of what organisation could do for them.

Trade union action had more than

20-Year Sentence On Girl To Stand

Richmond, Va., Nov. 19. Twenty-three-year-old Edith Maxwell, school-teacher, jailed twenty years for murdering her father, to-day had her application for a third trial rejected by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Miss Maxwell stayed out late with a boy friend one summer evening, and when she returned to her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains her "hill-billy" father tried to beat her for breaking the "Mountain Code."

She struck him on the head with a high-heeled shoe, and he died some hours later.

Though evidence was given that Trigg Maxwell was drunk and threatened to kill his wife as well as punish his daughter, a jury of hill-men found her guilty of first degree murder. She was sentenced to twenty-five years.

At a second trial, Miss Maxwell was found guilty of second degree murder, sentenced to twenty years.—United Press.

doubled clerks' salaries since pre-war days.

Fear of victimisation kept many clerks out of their unions. He announced that steps were being taken to bring the National Union of Clerks and the Women Clerks' Association into closer contact—a hint that the two organisations are to be united.

HOW DO YOU BREATHE?

(Be Careful of Your Answer)

Where do you breathe? According to whether you draw your breath from above or below your waist line you are more or less of a thinker or shrinker.

This claim is made by Mr. M. E. J. Semadeni, a London scientist who has invented a robot recorder of human reactions through breathing.

Says Mr. Semadeni: "The more any one tries to hide, the more he reveals. Breathing is an involuntary action and cannot be disguised, as tone of voice and facial expression can."

The robot has already been used to discover the cause and cure of disagreement between husbands and wives, engaged couples, relatives, and people working together in business.

It is a large and complicated piece of machinery with certain slight resemblances to a hairdresser's permanent wave. Its scientific name is "pneumograph," because it makes a graphic record of the breathing of those it contacts.

GRAPHS TELL. The "victim" lies on his back and the robot touches him with sensitive "fingers," lightly at three different points.

As the subject breathes he automatically moves the robot's "fingers," which cause three pencils

to trace three graphs, red, blue and green on a long roll of paper.

Chest breathing shows emotion; abdominal breathing reason. The diaphragm strikes the balance between the two.

Unless colour reactions are required, the subject of an experiment is blindfolded so that he may be quite unaware of, and unprepared for, what is going to happen.

For the first few minutes nothing does happen; he breathes normally and his "basic type" is established by the relentless tracing of the coloured pencils.

Then comes the application of "stimuli." Paper is rustled close to the breather's ear, hands are suddenly clapped, something is dropped, a cold finger is laid on his neck, a motor horn is sounded violently, an abrupt personal question is put, and the red, green and blue lines on his chart begin to assume strange mountainous shapes.

Of the hundreds of graphs the robot has already traced no two are exactly alike, although the same "stimuli" are applied in all cases and in the same order.



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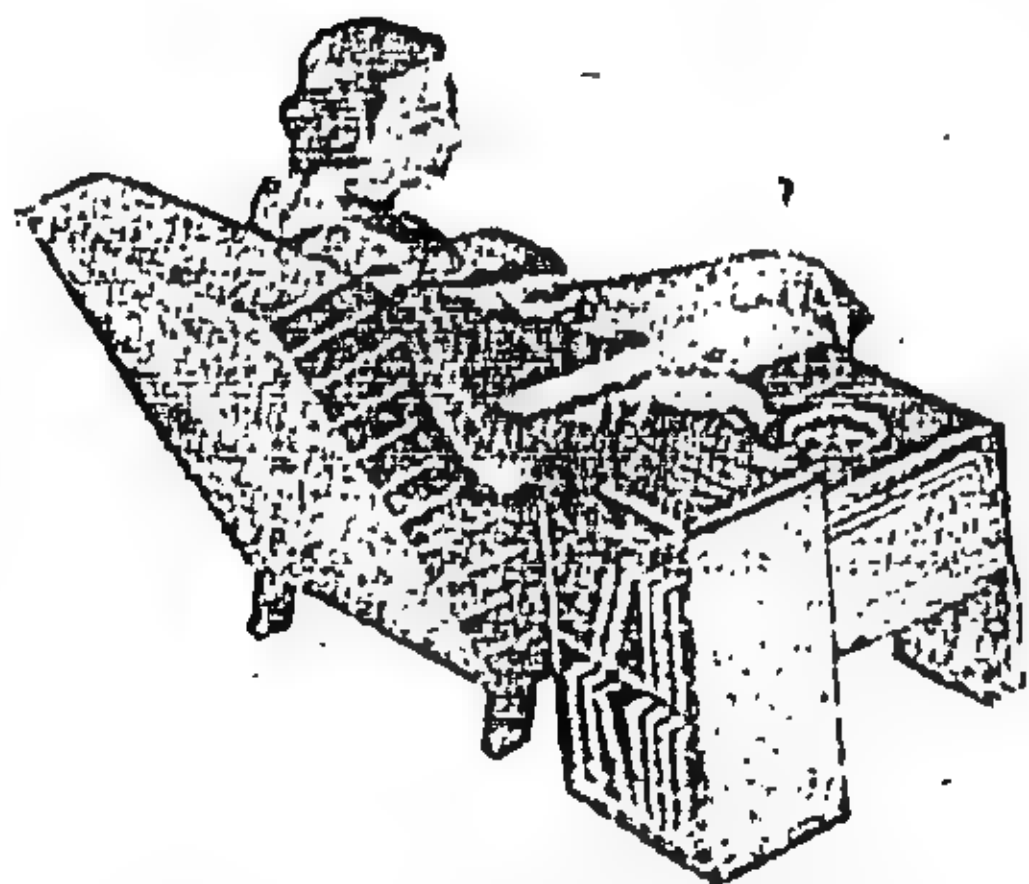
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WILL FUTURE BATTLESHIPS HAVE 14-in. OR 16-in. GUNS?

Japan Places Smoke-Screen Over Activity

Japan, which is not a signatory of the London Naval Treaty of 1936, does not agree with the principle enunciated in Part III of the Treaty whereby, to prevent competitive building, the Naval Powers were required to exchange advance information of their naval programmes, particularly in regard to the numbers, tonnage, armament, and speed of future ships.

Indeed, a complete smoke-screen has been spread over Japanese naval activity. However, she is believed to be building, or about to build, four battleships armed with 16-inch guns. Whether or not her ships carrying this armament can be built to the 35,000-ton limit of the Treaty to which Britain, the United States, France, Russia, and Germany have agreed remains to be seen, says the naval correspondent of the Sunday Times, London.

In the meantime, America's two new battleships, one of which has just been laid down and the other is to be started early in the new year, are to be vessels of 35,000 tons each, armed with nine 16-inch guns, the same armament as the Nelson and Rodney.

ADMIRALTY DECISION

Anticipating general agreement to the 35,000-ton 16-inch gun limits suggested in the London Naval Treaty, the Admiralty decided that the five new British battleships now under construction, the King George V, Prince of Wales, Anson, Jellicoe, and Denton, are to mount 16-inch guns.

In connection with this decision it must also be remembered that plans for future construction are prepared in long time in advance. The design of a new battleship takes at least a year to complete, and the main armament must be decided upon and the plant for constructing it assembled. As France, Italy, and Germany were already building 35,000-ton battleships, it was necessary that the Admiralty should be ready to lay down our new ship Treaty of 1936 was expiring after the expiry of the battleship "holiday" imposed by the London Naval Treaty of 1930; i.e., on December 31, 1936.

EQUAL TO ANY

Ship for ship, our five new battleships with their tonnage of 35,000, their 16-inch guns, their speed, endurance, and protection, are authoritatively considered to be fully the fighting equivalents of any of the six 35,000-ton vessels now being built in Europe—two each in France, Germany, and Italy. All of these will mount 15-inch guns; to which the British 16-inch are not inferior in range or hitting power, particularly if mounted in greater numbers. However, the same argument cannot apply when comparing the 16-inch with a 16-inch firing a projectile approximately 500 lb. heavier.

It seems probable that two or three new battleships will be sanctioned in the Navy Estimates due to be presented next March, and others in 1939.

GUN CALIBRE PROBLEM

The matter of the maximum gun calibre is most important, since increased gun calibre, with the extra weight of weapons, machinery, mountings, and ammunition, usually means increase in the size of the ship. Indeed, it may be impossible to construct a 35,000-ton "balanced" battleship carrying nine 16-inch guns, which combines all the necessary attributes of speed, fuel, protection, anti-aircraft armament and the like.

Japan's secrecy and her insistence upon the 16-inch gun may therefore bring this weapon into general use and create a consequent demand for an increase in the size of battleships to 40,000 or 45,000 tons; an era of competitive building which the London Naval Treaty of 1936 was expressly designed to prevent; and a great increase in the price of individual ships and the provision of the necessary docking accommodation.

Five Years' Work By Doctor Restores Him To The Medical Register

Five years' work by a woman whose life he saved resulted in Dr. Harold Burt-White being restored to the medical register recently.

He was struck off because of "secret and improper associations with a woman patient," referred to as "Mrs. B," which he denied.

A petition bearing scores of signatures of former patients—appeals have been organised year by year—went before the General Medical Council, when it made its decision recently.

Behind that petition was Mrs. Louisa Postman, of Flimstead-avenue, Wembley, Middlesex. "I feel that I want to dance my feet off. It is the best news I have heard for years," she told the Daily Herald.

"Ten years ago, when Dr. Burt-White was little more than a boy (he was then 28) I was given up for dead. I had an internal complaint which baffled the doctors.

"He operated. I recovered, and now I am as fit as I have ever been in my life.

"I determined to move heaven and earth to get him back on the register so that others might benefit.

"Early in the mornings I went to the hospitals at which he had served. I collected his patients' signatures, and asked them to let others know.

"I neglected my home, but my husband and my family backed me up.

"At the end of the first year I put in about 200 signatures. The application was refused, but I declined to be discouraged and have gone on steadily ever since.

"Dr. Burt-White's patients have written to me from all over the country. They include some very rich and many very poor.

"Up to the present session of the General Medical Council I had submitted signatures from 520 of his patients and many touching letters."

Dr. Burt-White returned to his flat at Westbourne-terrace, Ealing, recently hearing the G.M.C. decision.

He ran up to his first floor flat two stairs at a time and hurriedly entered to find awaiting him a pile of telegrams of congratulation. Messengers arrived every few minutes with them.

Among the first to congratulate him was his sister Miss Dallas Burt-White, one of his staunchest supporters, who travelled up from Brighton to London.

Dr. Burt-White holds six degrees, gained many prizes, and was a specialist in midwifery and gynaecology, and practised at six London hospitals.

A month before he was struck off, he made a dramatic 1,000-mile journey to operate on a patient.

On a holiday cruise off the Spanish coast, he was taken ashore in response to a radio message, travelled by car to Barcelona, and from there by express to Paris, where he caught a plane for London. He patient recovered.

INDICTED OF MURDER

An Amazing Cast

Dublin, Nov. 17.

For the third time Thomas Kelly faced a jury on a charge of murder here to-day.

Once he was sentenced to death; then the Appeal Court ordered a new trial; and at his second trial the jury disagreed.

His counsel to-day made another effort to secure Kelly's freedom.

An application that the indictment of murder be quashed on the ground that it was perjured without jurisdiction, failed.

Kelly again pleaded not guilty, and after counsel had begun outlining the prosecution case, the trial was adjourned.

"NOT GUILTY"

Here is the diary of this amazing case:

December 13, 1935.—Charred body of Patrick Henry, aged 65, found in his padlocked home at Great Meadow, Roske, Co. Roscommon.

At the inquest it was stated that Henry died from head wounds. Kelly, who was stated to have lived with him, could not be found.

June 5, 1936.—Kelly arrested at Conbridge, Scotland. Later at the police station, he was found to be suffering from throat wounds and was taken to hospital.

DEATH SENTENCE

November 14, 1936.—Kelly convicted at Dublin Central Criminal Court and sentenced to death.

February, 1937.—Dublin Court of Criminal Appeal, after proceedings lasting over six weeks, quashed conviction and orders a new trial.

April 24, 1937.—At second trial jury fails to agree after three retirements and is discharged. Kelly put back for his third trial.

And now Kelly is still fighting for his life.

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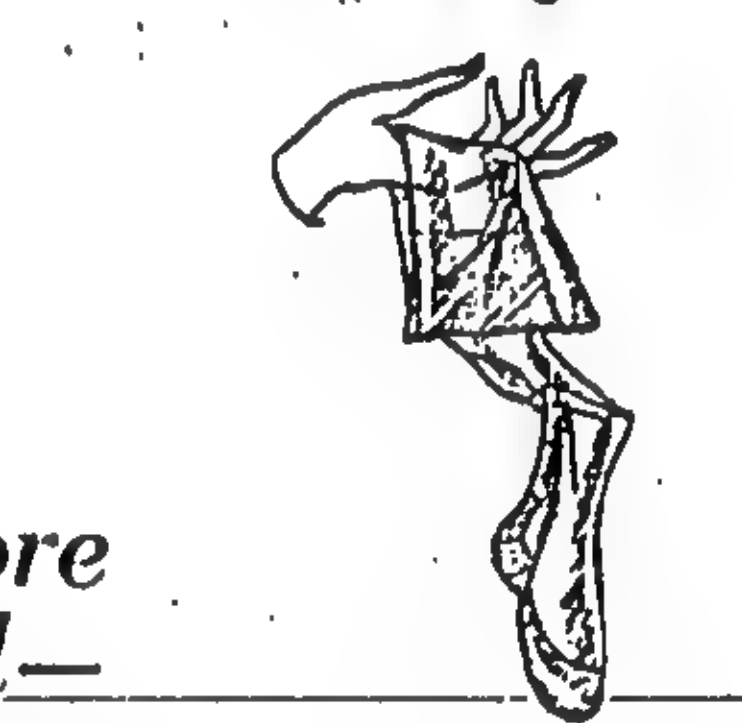
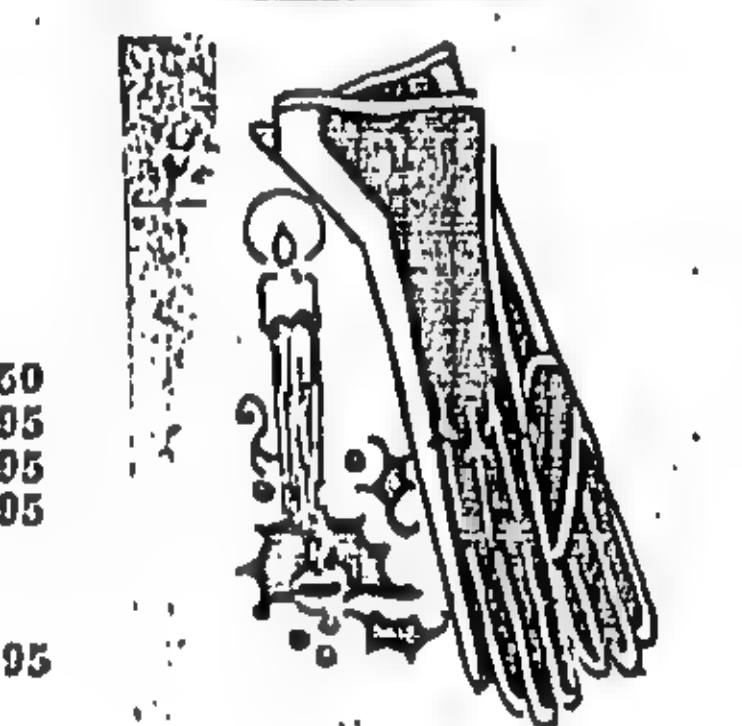
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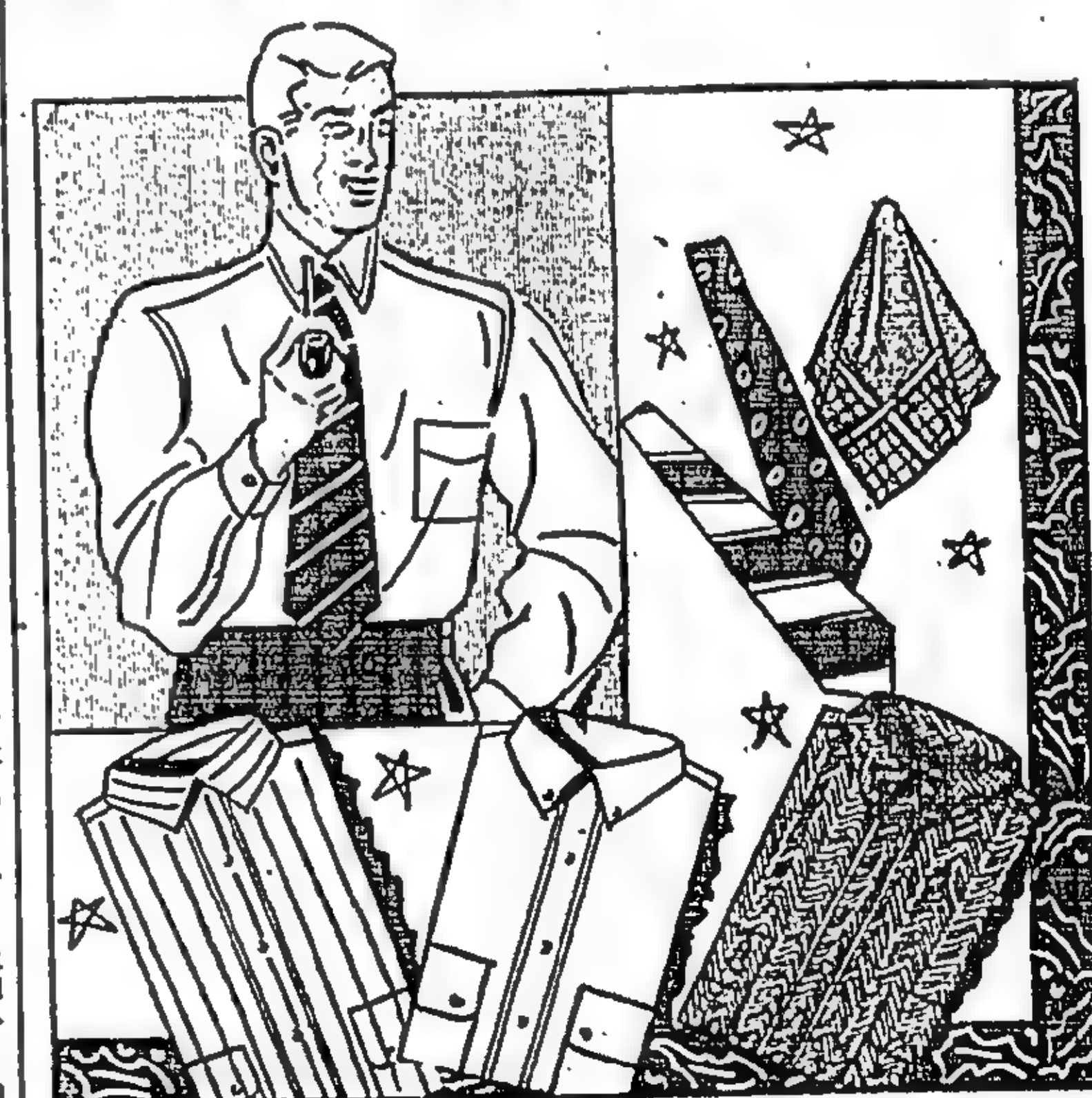
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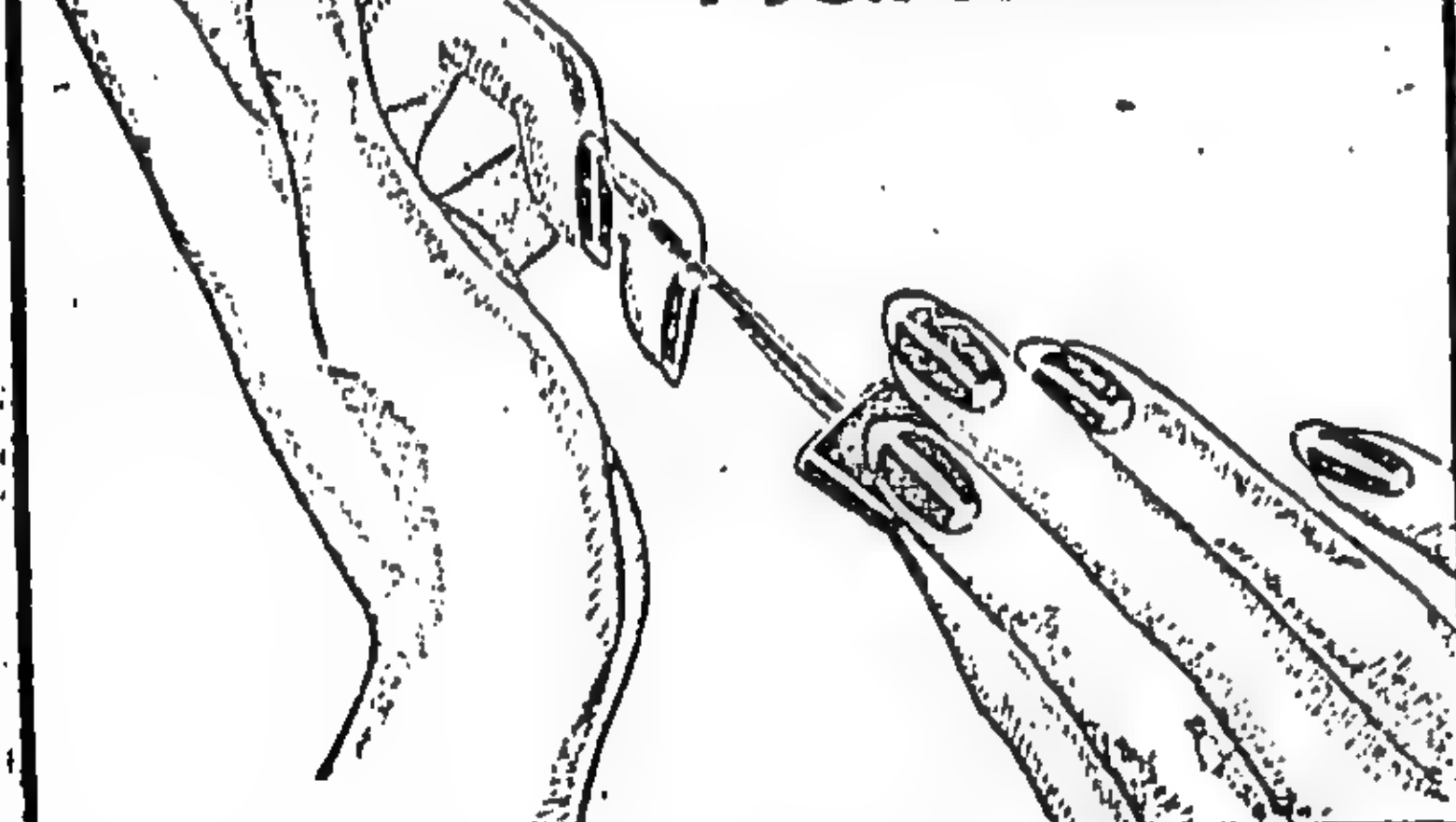
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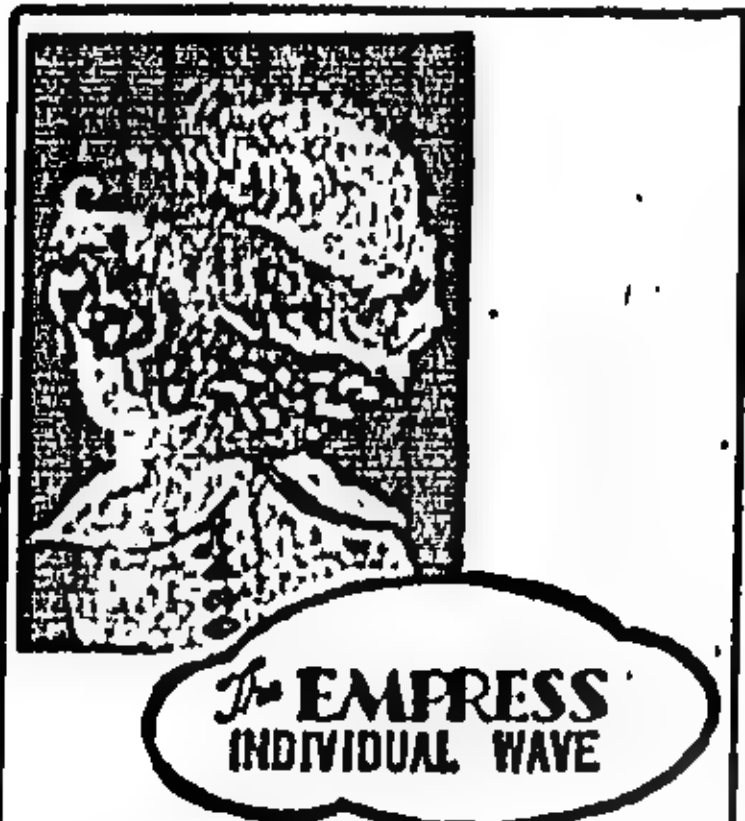
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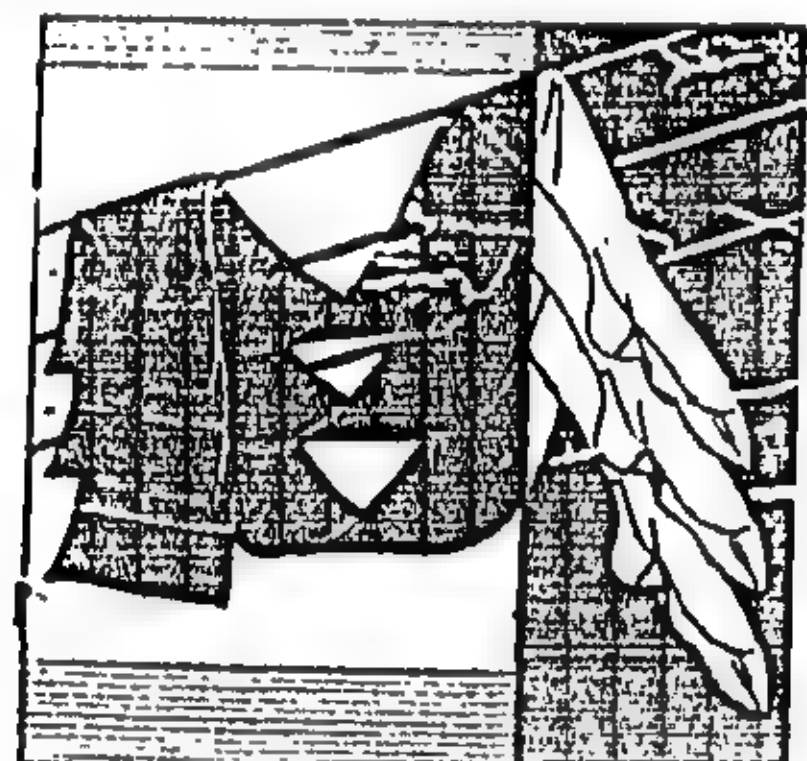
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London Hospitals : £8 A MINUTE Facing Deficit of £88,000

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Last year the 145 hospitals were £200 a day short on the voluntary gifts side.

There are prosperous hospitals among them which show a steady surplus; but the aggregate receipts in 1936 for all of them showed a deficit of £64,000. There were 86 hospitals with surpluses, 59 with deficits.

This is the first net aggregate deficit since 1926, the year of the General Strike, and it is ascribed "largely to the adverse fortunes of some of the 12 general hospitals which run medical teaching schools."

Their £88,000 deficit outweighed the fact that the number of hospitals which had returned a surplus for the year was actually greater.

Even so, the income would have covered expenditure had it not been for a drop in the amount of legacies. The report of the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London—the coordinating authority—announces a total general fund income of £4,100,000, the same as in 1935. But expenditure rose from £4,075,000 (in 1935) to £4,260,000 last year.

WHERE MONEY GOES

More beds (there are now 10,100) and new treatment for patients have been costing larger sums. The four principal items in the joint hospitals bill were:

Salaries and wages	£1,635,000
Domestic	£699,000
Provisions	£612,000
Surgery and dispensary	£527,000

During the year the average number of beds occupied (15,100) increased by 100. There were 280,200 new in-patients (8,100 more), and 1,941,000 out-patients (increase of 60,000).

Out-patients attended the hospitals 10,005,000 times, against 9,811,000 in 1935.

M. P. SUSPENDED FOR BAD LANGUAGE

Mr. David Kirkwood, Clydeside Socialist M.P., who in 1922 was one of five who carried the vote in favour of electing Mr. Ramsay MacDonald leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party and thereby helped to make him Premier two years later, flew into a rage in the House of Commons recently and was suspended by a vote of 178 to 104.

Mr. Kirkwood, whose eyes were moist with tears at the death of Mr. MacDonald, his close friend, muttered and mumbled when a Ministerial reply to a question did not suit him.

Captain Fitzroy, the Speaker, rose and said: "If Mr. Kirkwood cannot behave himself I shall have to ask him to leave the House."

Mr. Kirkwood: "I don't give a damn." The Speaker asked him to withdraw.

Mr. Kirkwood: "I will not withdraw." The Speaker: "I shall have to name Mr. Kirkwood"—i.e., name him as disobedient to the Chair, and

therefore liable to suspension. Mr. Kirkwood sat for a few moments, then rose and walked out, which is the technical acceptance of the Speaker's order to withdraw.

But as he reached the line between the public debating chamber and the private areas of the Parliament buildings he whipped round and exclaimed to the Speaker: "Don't lecture me. Do you think you are going to get treating me like a boy? That is what you would like to do. I don't give a damn."

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, sitting ready to deliver his personal tribute to his former chief, had no alternative but to move the suspension of Mr. Kirkwood.

Deer Choose Right Deadline

Frankfort, N. Y.
Three deer were reported placidly grazing with cattle in Frank W. Hausner's pasture while just a few miles to the north deer hunters' shots echoed through the woods. The deer were safe, however, because Frankfort is on the south bank of the Mohawk river, and deer hunting is prohibited south of the river.

Volunteer Firemen, Irked

Greybull, Wyo.
The volunteer fire department of Greybull answered an alarm by rushing to their fire house to get their engines, but the blaze destroyed a residence before they arrived. Somebody had broken into the fire hall and siphoned all the gasoline out of the fire engine tanks.

PAIN and HEADACHES

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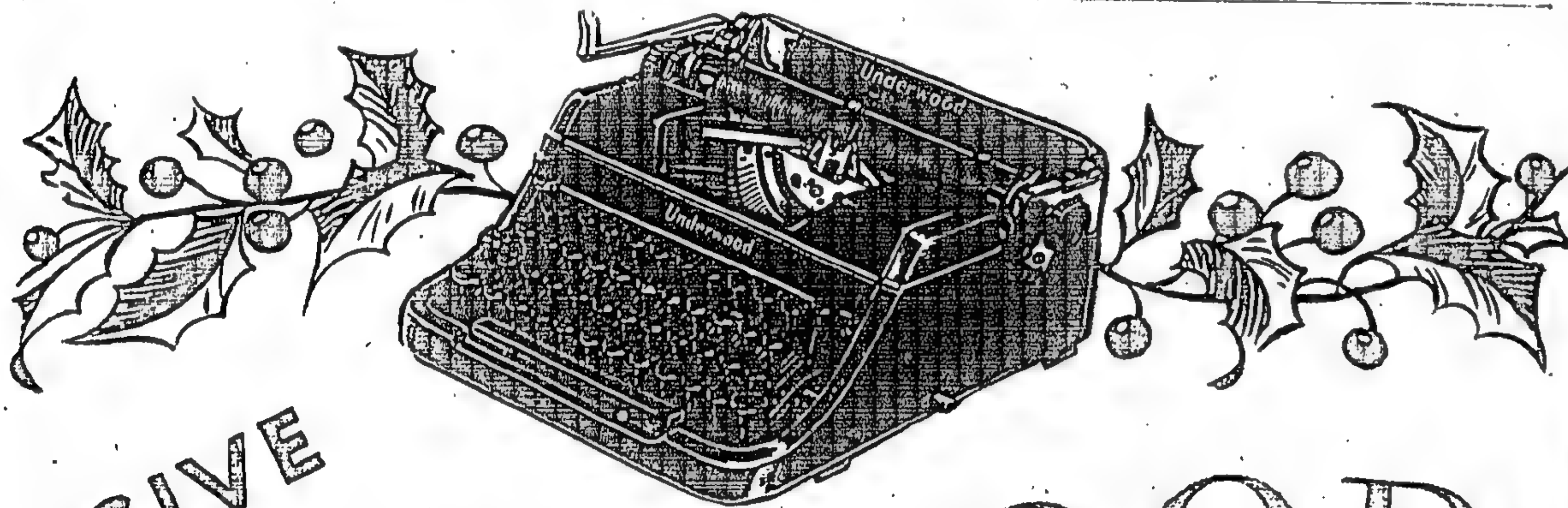
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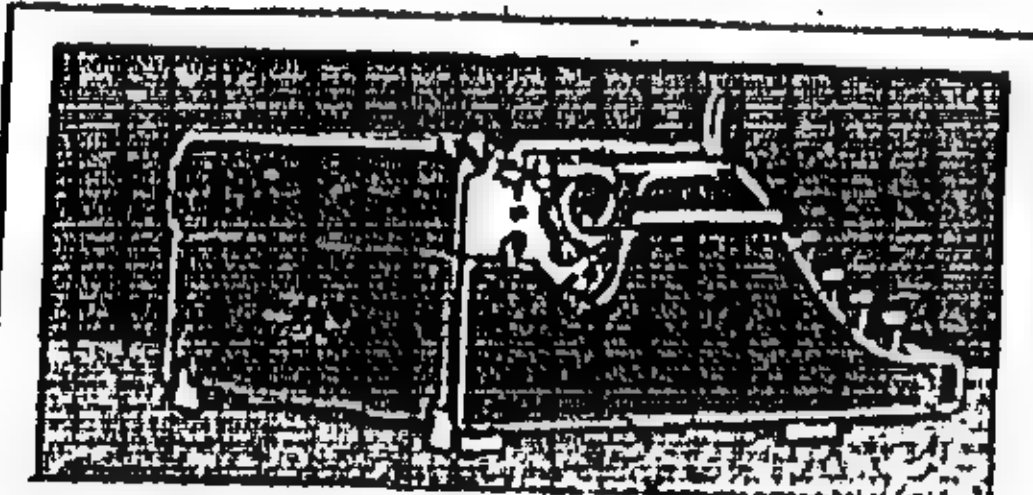
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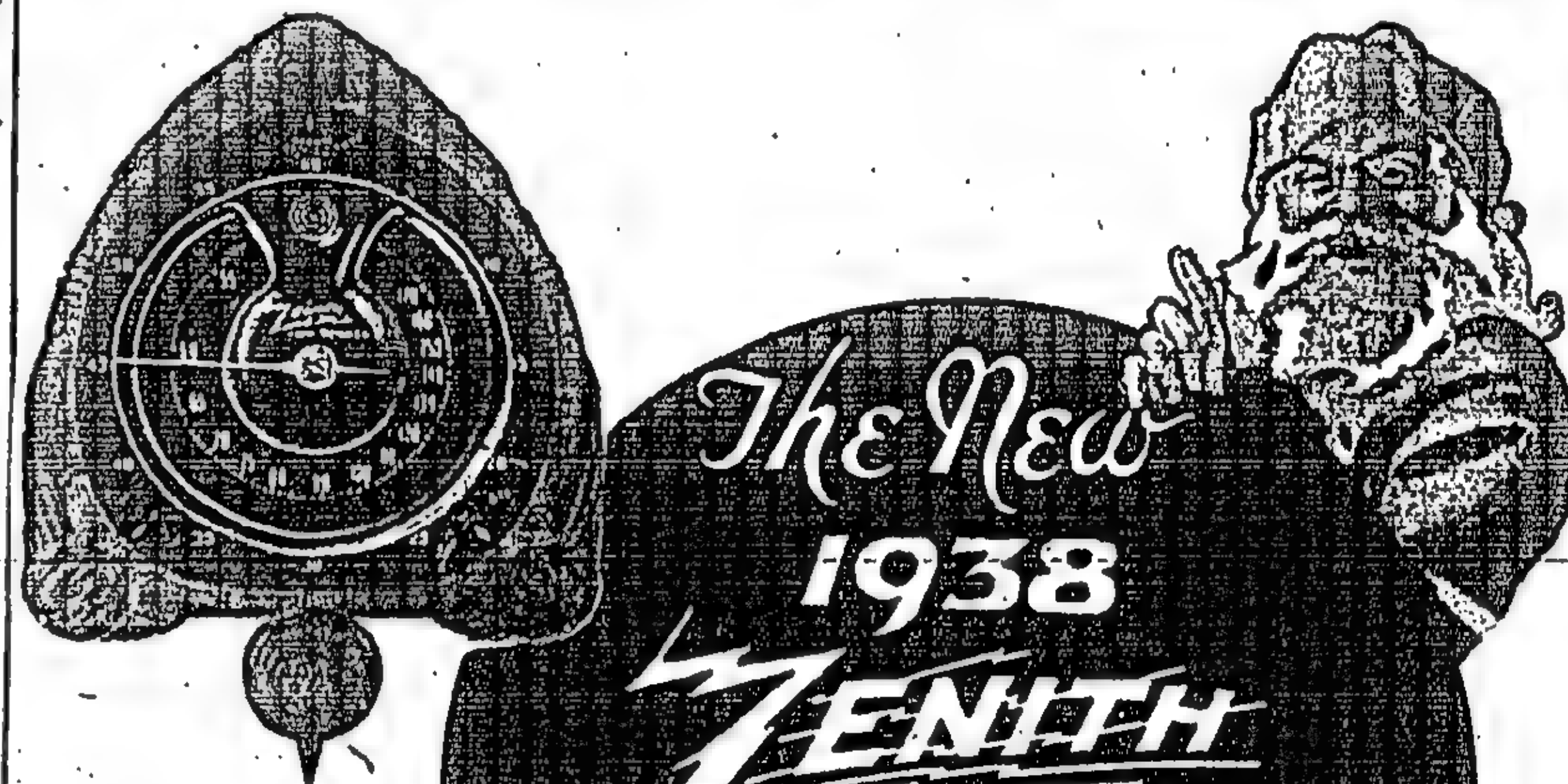
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BOMBERS' ATTACK WAS ENTIRELY DELIBERATE

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

As H.M.S. Ladybird and the U.S.S. Oahu, bringing survivors of the Panay to Shanghai, passed the Japanese flagship Idzumo to-day, she did not salute or dip her flag in the customary gesture.

Hundreds of foreigners lined the Bund and joined in the cheering as the two warships, with their attendant fleet of merchant vessels, appeared. Huge British and American flags painted on the top of the warships and their starboard sides were visible several blocks away.

The Ladybird is at present lying alongside H.M.S. Folkestone and the Oahu alongside the Augusta. As the Oahu passed the Japanese flagship Idzumo to-day, she did not salute or dip her flag in the customary gesture.

Mr. Weldon James, United Press correspondent, who was one of the passengers on the Oahu stated: "The deliberate bombing and machine-gunning of the Panay by nine Japanese bombers was the most sudden and most appalling disaster of the whole war. New episodes in the annals of American bravery were furnished by the thrilling demonstration of how the United States Navy reacts to unexpected attack.

"All was quiet and peaceful. There was not even the sound of an aeroplane to be heard. Then came the cry 'Planes sighted!' and in an instant there were the most eerie whistling sounds as three heavy bombers, at an altitude of 3,000 feet released four or six bombs simultaneously, scoring a direct hit on the Panay's forward gun. One bomb fell on the port side, hitting the warship below the waterline, and another in the vicinity of the Standard Oil Company's vessels close by.

"There was a terrific detonation as if the whole world was blown up. The bomb which hit the Panay blasted up towards the bridge, hurling Captain Hughes many yards, breaking his leg and blackening his face. Fragments cut the chin and arms of Chief Quartermaster Lang and wounded many others throughout the ship.

HOPES DASHED

"For a split second everyone was stunned and horrified, then there was the roar of motors as six light bombers dived down bombing and machine-gunning in a manner which dispelled the momentary hope that we had been accidentally struck. The terrible realization dawned that

were wounded, carried on until the order was given to abandon ship, between 10 and 20 minutes after the first bomb had been dropped. Captain Hughes and Lieut. Anders were both informed that the ship was sinking and the former gave the 'Abandon ship' order from the engine-room and Anders by pencilling the order on a chart.

"The bombing continued as the ship's two boats—a motor-launch and an open launch—splashed down. Captain Hughes, under protest, was among the first of the wounded to be taken off.

LAUNCH MACHINE-GUNNED

"The most unpardonable incident of the whole affair occurred when the Japanese planes machine-gunned the open launch while it was half-way to the shore bearing Electrician Karl Birk, Seaman Shroyer, Seaman Green and Machinist A. Kozak, all of whom were wounded. Kozak received additional wounds in the chest. The bullets made three holes in the boat necessitating bailing out with helmets throughout the remainder of the trips from the ship to the shore.

"Before the hell began I was standing with several others aft on the boat-deck sunning myself, and scrambling because I was nowhere. Then came the shout that planes were above us and then that eerie whistle which recalled to me the Sincere bombing in Shanghai. All of us, except Roberts, dived for the sick bay when the ear-shattering first explosion occurred.

"The explosion flared us all and shattered the glass in splinters. I saw Roberts, who was standing with glasses unfastened outside the doorway, picked up and thrown horizontal on the deck with the second detonation. At the sound of the roaring motors Robert jumped up and pointing to sky indicated the Japanese markings on the planes.

"There was a momentary lull and others dashed out of the sick bay which afforded little protection. I followed and saw the Melhuish burning almost alongside. Then came another explosion and the other civilians on board darted into the sick bay again and lay flat. The air was filled with curses and prayers.

"Then I felt Sandro Sandri (Italian journalist) tugging at me and saying 'I am hit,' and Herbert Ros, of the Italian Embassy, making the sign of the Cross and jutting 'We will all die.'

CRIES OF WOUNDED

"Hearing the bombing continuing I attempted to soothe Ros and Sandri, all of us flattening out each time we heard the roaring motors and all cursing the Japanese. Ros crossed himself again and prayed to God 'If I die make it quick.'

"It was then 1.45 p.m. At that moment a dozen occupants of the sick bay vanished to the lower decks. Sandri and I were alone. He was begging piteously not to be left alone and asking for water. Barzini and someone returned and

Carol Singing To-morrow

Christmas Concert To Be Held In University

The tenth annual Christmas Concert arranged by the Hongkong University Christmas Association, will be held in the Great Hall of the University to-morrow at 9 p.m. under the able leadership of Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.R.C.L. There is no more appropriate way of starting Christmas week, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance at the concert, a feature of which will be the inclusion of a number of carols for community singing. There is no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken at the end of the concert, the proceeds of which will go towards local charities.

took Sandri down. I raced to the engine-room between bombs. That was the safest spot for the wounded civilians. There seemed to be an eternal repetition of scenes mentioned above and others cursing and yelling. Then someone shouted 'Here it comes!'

"The new-reel men can only be described as 'full of guts'. Alley and Mayell were darting out between bombs to film the planes flying up and darting in again. I was half-sitting, holding a steel pillar with one hand and being raked up lashed at every explosion.

"When I did not hear the planes firing I went to the sick bay where I picked up my practically smashed camera and finished taking a roll of film. I gathered up blankets, coats, cigarettes everywhere and went back to the sick-bay where I got my possessions and found wreckage everywhere. Some objects were smashed beyond recognition.

WATER OVER DECK

"I threw down the stuff into a motorboat and helped the badly wounded. Rice, a sailor, tossed me a life-jacket. There were already three inches of water over the main deck.

"With Birse and other naval men I boarded the last boat going out at 2.50 a.m. We were nearly capsize. We were breathlessly awaiting the planes return. The boat raced to the north shore, nearly a mile distant. I reached the shore with the warmest feeling of gratefulness at being unhurt and alive.

"Here the wounded were scattered along the beach, the survivors attending them. The company was completely disorganized. Some landed 100 yards down river and all calmly watched the Panay slowly settling, when suddenly we spotted two Japanese military launches making for the Panay. They were the same type of craft which stopped (Continued on Page 16.)

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 11.)

11.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.
11.20 17. Tus Ojos; 12. Olvidala Pa Tu Bien; 19. Karaball; 20. Claviletera.
11.35 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.
11.45 21. Sing a song of London; 22. I'm Feeling Like a Million; 23. Yours and Mine; 24. Your Broadway and my Broadway.
12.00 midnight. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.30 a.m. 'Monologues in Melody.'
7.35 a.m. 'As I See It'-7.
7.45 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra.
8.40 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 a.m.
9.5 a.m. Organ Recital by Arnold Goldbraugh, from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House.
10 a.m. Big Ben. Recital by Vivian Joseph (Violoncello).
10.20 a.m. 'Circus in Prospect.'
10.40 a.m. 'Marry the Girl.'
11.10 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 a.m.
11.25 a.m. 'Sprites and Goblins.'
11.45 p.m. Big Ben. 'London Log' by Cyril Gardiner.
12.25 p.m. Scottish Dance Music.
12.55 p.m. 'Sporting the Girl.'
1.10 p.m. Quentin Maclean, at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema, Elephant and Castle, London.
5.35 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.
5.55 p.m. 'Marry the Girl.'
6.45 p.m. Big Ben. 'Scrabook for 1938.'
7.45 p.m. 'As I See It'-7.
8 p.m. 'Dancing Time.'
8.15 p.m. 'London Log.'
8.25 p.m. 'Dancing Time.'
9 p.m. 'For the Colonial Service.'
9 p.m. For the Children: The White Coats.
9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 p.m.
10.15 p.m. Big Ben. The BBC Military Band.
11 p.m. Pianoforte Interlude.
11.10 p.m. Rugby League Football: England v. Australia. A commentary by Lance B. Todd, on the second half of the Third Test Match, from Huddersfield Rugby Ground.
12 a.m. Dance Music.
12.15 a.m. Jack Hill and his Music, with Alex Penney (Soprano).
12.20 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.
1.20 a.m. 'London Log.'
1.30 a.m. Sydney Lipton and the Grosvenor House Dance Band.
2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.
2.25 a.m. The Northfleet Silver Band.
3.55 a.m. Rugby League Football: England v. Australia. A commentary by Lance B. Todd, on the second half of the Third Test Match, from Huddersfield Rugby Ground.
3.30 a.m. 'In Town To-night.' Fifth Season: 12th Edition.
4 a.m. Music Hall, including Bennett and Williams (two jovial boys with their phono-fiddle), Billy Bennett ('Al-Gentleman'), and Wee Georgie Wood (the Peter Pan of Vaudeville, with the BBC Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shawell).
5 a.m. Interval.
5.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.
5.35 a.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.30 a.m.
5.55 a.m. Antonio Stradivarius (born 1644; died at Cremona, December 18, 1707).—A Commemoration of his Achievement. Arthur Catterall (Violin).
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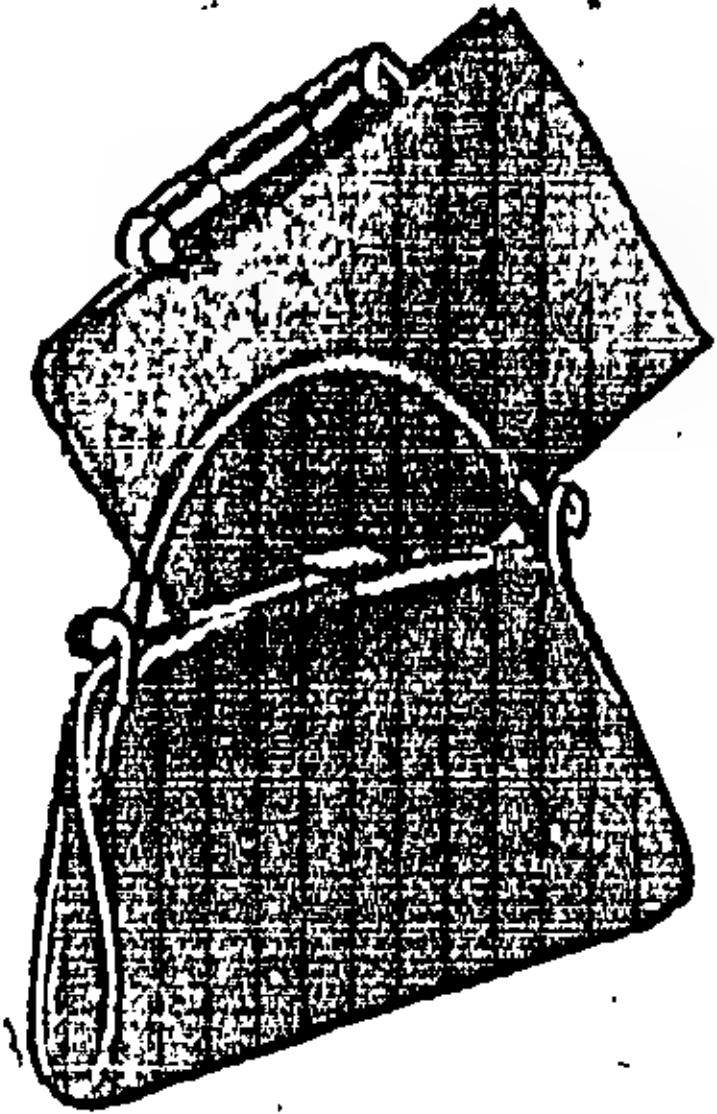
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Contaminated Well Was the Cause of Typhoid

CROYDON DANGER REMOVED

Investigations in connection with Croydon's typhoid outbreak had shown contamination of water from Addington well, said Dr. O. M. Holden, medical officer of health, at a meeting of Croydon Borough Council recently.

In a full statement, Dr. Holden said that to date the number of known or suspected cases of typhoid was 27. The first was notified on October 19. As inquiries did not elicit any common milk or food supply the water question was followed.

In recent years water had very seldom been the cause of typhoid outbreaks. All the houses affected, it was found, were on the Croydon high level area supply, and all the cases since November 1, with one exception, arose in the same area.

The Croydon low level water supply from the Waddon and Surrey Street wells had been continuously chlorinated for some considerable time, but this had not been the practice for the high level water from wells at Addington and Stroud Green.

However, chlorination there was begun on November 1. A sample of Addington water was sent to the Ministry of Health laboratory.

The result showed contamination from the gathering grounds of

this well, and that supply was cut off to the public on November 4.

In all cases investigated since, the findings supported the original opinion that Addington water was the cause of the trouble. Detailed investigations were being energetically pursued in an endeavour to trace the actual source of contamination.

A LENGTHY TASK

Dr. Holden said that the public would appreciate the difficulties of these investigations and the necessary length of time before definite results could be obtained. The bacteriological examinations required were intricate and took time to complete.

In view of the long incubation period, typhoid cases would unfortunately continue to occur for at least 14 days longer, as they would have been infected before the chlorination was commenced.



At the recent Aviation Exhibition in Milano the German one-seater training-plane "Go 149" created favourable comment with its beautiful lines.

In view of the heavy chlorination of the water, boiling was not really necessary, but it would help to drive off any excess chlorine, and so improve the taste.

He had consulted medical colleagues about preventive vaccination, and the weight of opinion was against its widespread application.

"Soon after inoculation there is a negative phase during which a person is more susceptible," he added. "The positive phase does not develop until later; consequently no immediate protection is given."



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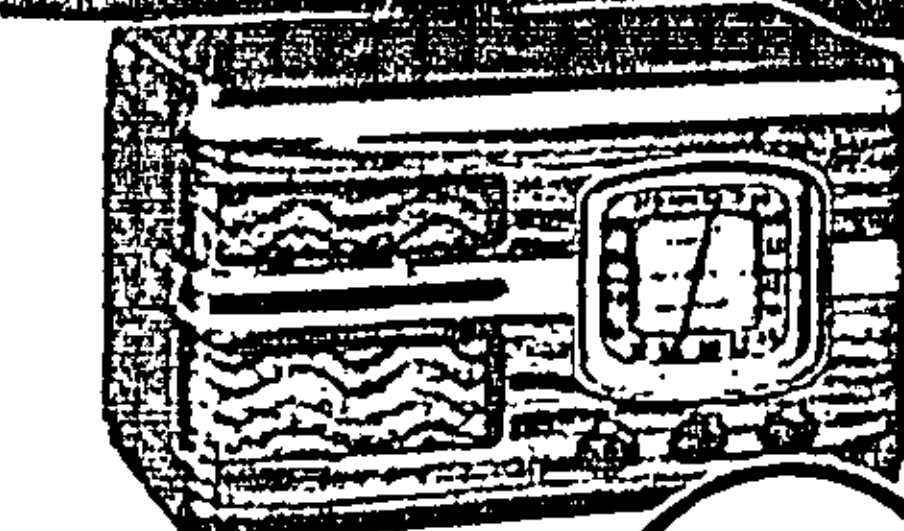
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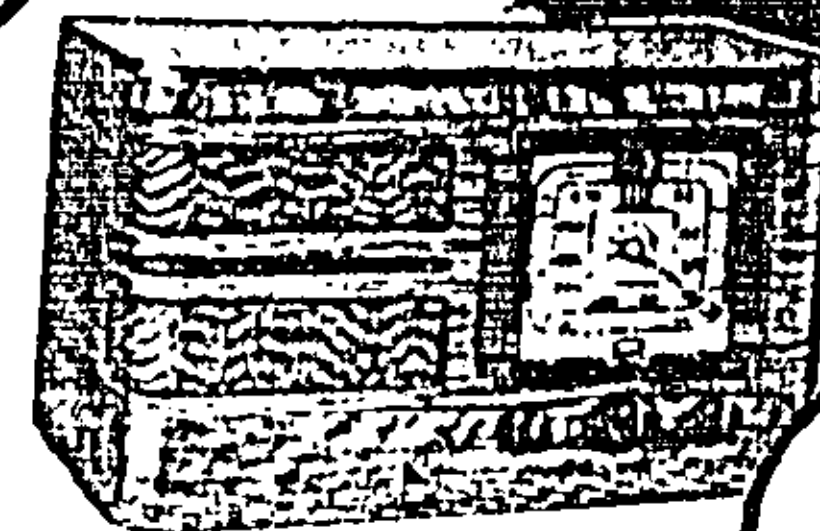
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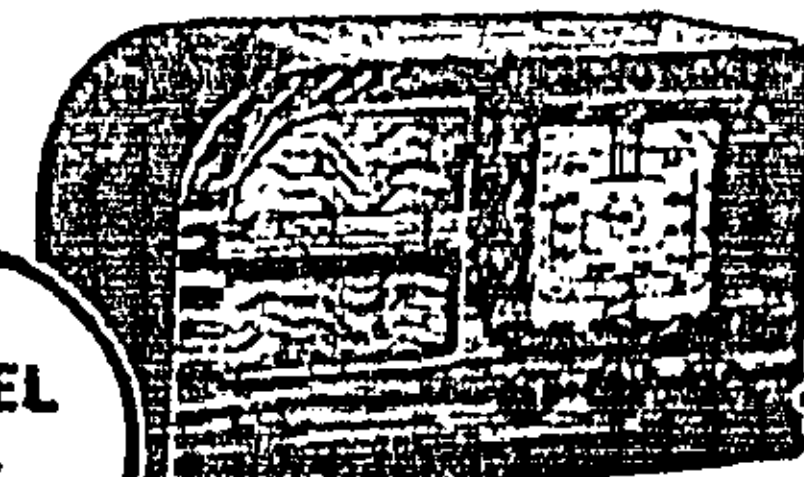
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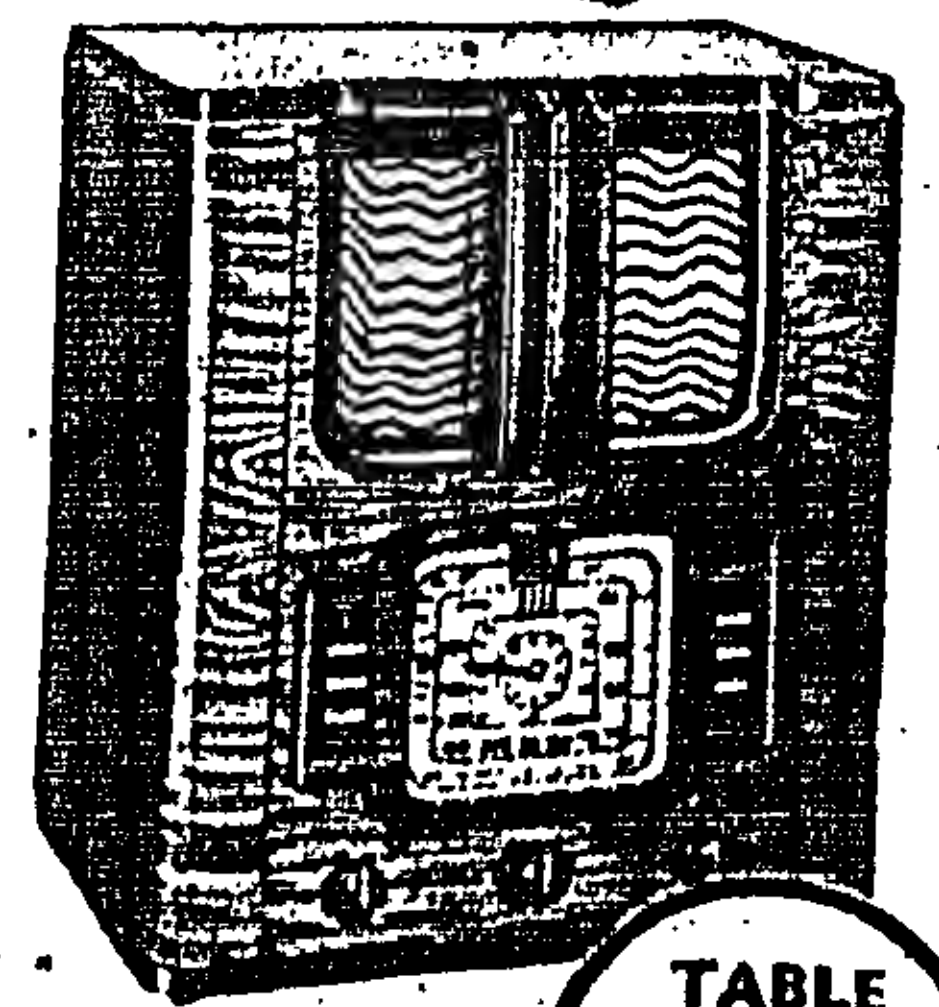


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HADJI ALI, the man who could swallow anything—watches, lighted cigarettes, live goldfish, handkerchiefs, petrol—is dead.

He died a month ago, the secret was kept until recently.

The Rockefeller Institute, it was claimed, had offered £10,000 for his stomach after death. Now he lies embalmed at Wolverhampton, waiting to be taken in the Queen Mary to America. There, after negotiations, he may be handed to the Rockefeller Institute.

Hadji Ali, fifty-two-year-old Egyptian, was one of the most remarkable "acts" on the music-hall stage.

One of his favourite tricks was to drink thirty pints of water, then a pint of petrol, and set fire to the petrol. Another of his feats was to swallow three dozen hazel nuts and one almond. He could always "find" the almond.

He died without making a will. Mr. F. Ellis Lincoln, legal adviser to the daughter, known on the stage as Princess Almira Ali, has taken out a grant of administration on her behalf.

"TELEGRAPH"
PRIZE-WINNERS

Here are two of the recent prizewinners in the Telegraph Children's Competition. Top is Helen Ng and below Roy King (Photos by Photogen Studios).

Figures amounting to millions will not bother about shillings and pence.

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Torquay, Nov. 14.

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To-day he expressed to me his enthusiasm for a system which he describes as "infinitely more simple to use than our present pounds, shillings and pence method."

Mr. Riding's publication, which is the Borough's "blue book," giving detailed references to all matters relating to the use of public money, is the first of its kind to be issued in Britain.

Said Mr. Riding:

"All I have done is to publish this abstract of accounts in decimals of £ instead of in the usual way."

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"I had considered the publication in this form for some time, and with the consent of my Council and the approval of many of my colleagues, I decided to take the first step to encourage the public to use the decimal system."

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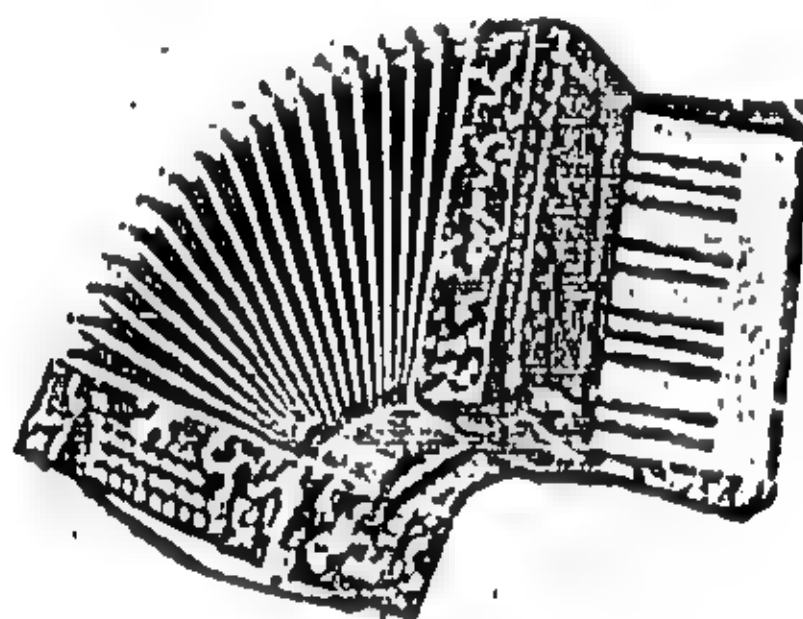
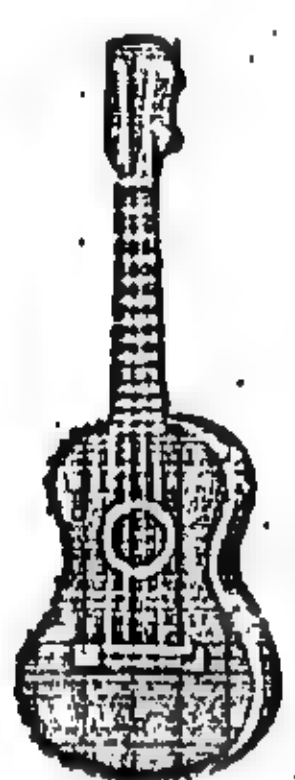
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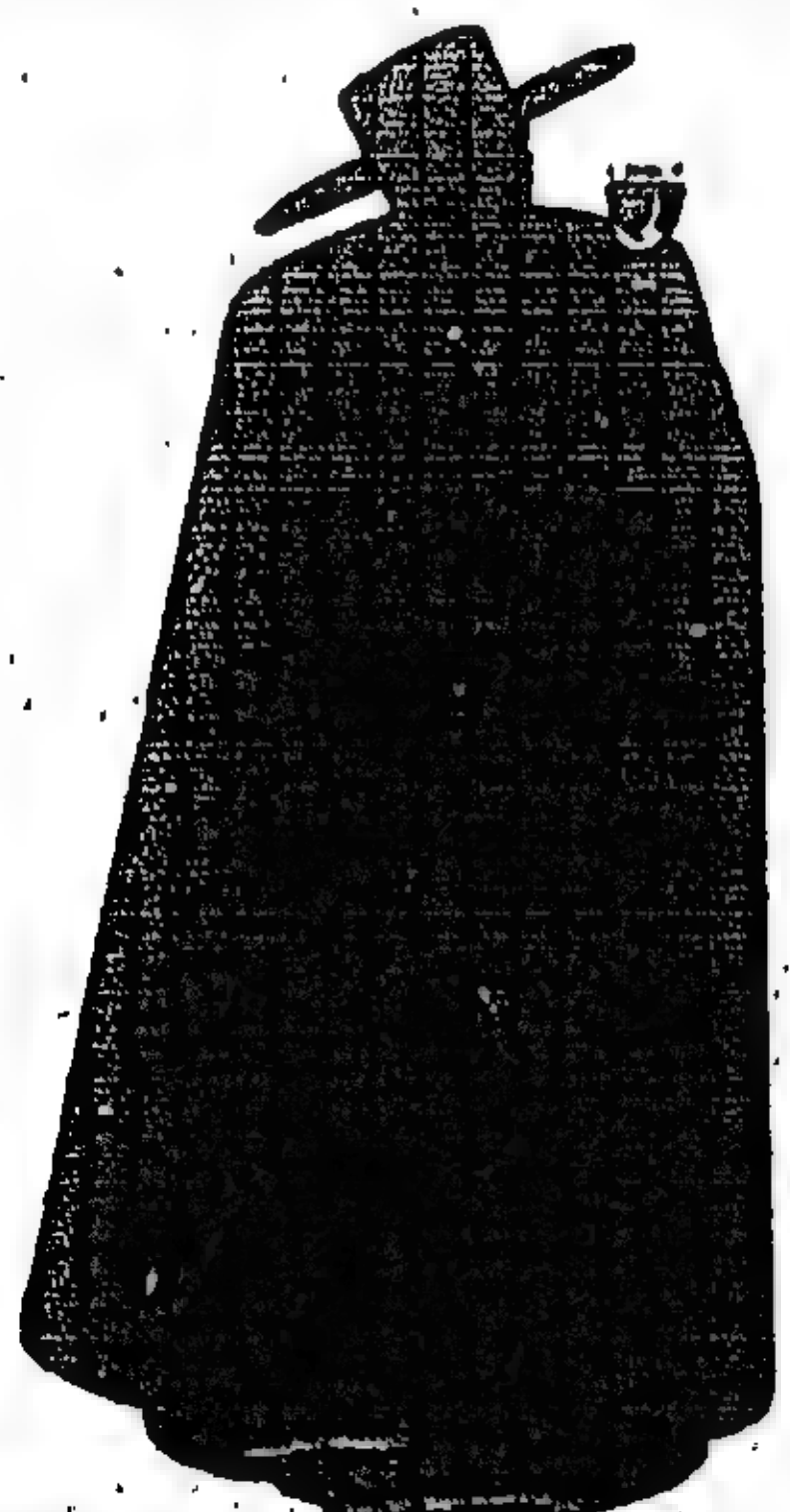
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1937.

WAR MAY SPREAD

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek yesterday issued a defiant manifesto declaring that he had no intention of ceasing to resist Japan. The Japanese retort was quick, and rather to be expected. Mr. Shigeru Kawagoe, the Ambassador to China, quietly disclosed that it was possible that governments similar to that established in Peiping would be set up in Central and South China. The war was far from ended, he said. The spirit of resistance, the national consciousness, the patriotism and courage of China have not been drained away in the blood the armies have shed in her defence, he might have added.

It must be admitted that it grows increasingly probable that Japan will strike a blow at China's southern doors before very long. Where the blow will fall can only be conjectured, but it seems likely that Canton will be the target. The Japanese have less reason to love the Cantonese than the more northern peoples, for it is from the south that the hottest anti-Japanese feeling has flowed; and the weight of this stream has not been checked by the northern invasion and the capture of Nanking. On the contrary, the southerners have definitely overcome their previous animosity towards the Central authorities and are loyally fighting the invader on a dozen fronts.

Admitting for a moment that the attack on Canton is imminent, what will be the immediate effect upon Hongkong? It is difficult to predict with any certainty, except to say that this Colony will undoubtedly be flooded with thousands of refugees; that trade will be seriously affected and the "back garden" on which we largely depend for fresh foods will be closed to us. There is naturally a certain element of danger for the Colony in any war waged close to its borders. In the first place there is the risk of "incidents," and there is good cause for apprehensiveness on this score. But it would seem that the chief difficulty facing the authorities would be the

TWO of the things that we relics of the Victorian Age most deplore in the modern world are the gradual disappearance of the horse and the almost complete disappearance of the street ballad-singer.

It is true that the ballad-singer was on his last legs even in the days of our youth. But he was still to be found here and there howling his wares and selling a sheet of paper containing the doggerel he had sung for a penny.

Often the ballad-singers worked in couples. A man and a woman, who looked as if they had slept in a ditch, would stand opposite each other in the middle of a crowd of listeners and yell their songs in the most merciless fashion into each other's faces.

They sang without pause from the start to the finish of the ballad, for the man would let the woman sing the last half-line of each verse by herself in order to fill his lungs with air and be able to bellow out the beginning of the next verse from his twisted face before the old verse had died a painful death on the woman's lips.

It was in Kilkenny, I think, that I heard two ballad-singers singing a harsh and satiric doggerel about old-age pensioners when pensions first came in. It began:

Some people used deny their age—
You often could them hear—

protection of the frontier, not against the Japanese, perhaps, but against a Chinese force which might mistakenly or with intent attempt to fight from British territory. It is reassuring to know that the military authorities are alive to the dangers in such a situation as that existing at this time that they are taking precautions for the protection of the border by the erection of "observation posts" and that a dependable battalion is ready for any emergency in that direction. That worry can safely be left to the competent men of the Rajput Regiment.

What should be the immediate consideration of the Government, it is suggested, is the problem of feeding the civilian population and sheltering refugees. It would be a pity if Hongkong were found unprepared for any emergency which may arise. And since it is unlikely that Canton will have any warning of attack, if it truly is intended, this Colony can ill afford to wait without action for a situation which might develop disastrously. It is not proposed that anything involving expenditure be undertaken at this stage, but it would be advisable to take stock of the resources available and to make certain that nothing can interfere with the communications upon which Hongkong depends for its daily bread.

ROBERT LYND'S SATURDAY ESSAY

They Sang
Without Pause

They would nearly strike you with
their stick

If you said they were seventy
year.

Now they are running to the parish
books.

They do not care about wind or
cold.

And they tell the priest now if he
can,

To try and make them old.

A better ballad to my mind
was that sung in the streets of
Dublin when the Census was
first taken—a ballad beginning:

Oh, they're taking of the census
In the country and the town!

Have your children got the mailest
Are your chimbleys tumbling
down?

But that was sung long before
I was born.

A book of English ballads,
"Victorian Street Ballads,"
which has just been compiled by
Mr. W. Henderson, suggests that
the English ballad maker was

never so happy as when he had
an execution for murder or a
murder trial for his theme. One
of the most grisly of the ballads
he quotes is "The Execution of
Alice Holt," which begins:

A dreadful case of murder,
Such as we seldom hear,
Committed was at Stockport,
In the County of Cheshire.

Where a mother, named Mary
Bailey,

They did so cruelly slaughter
By poison administered all in her
beer

By her own daughter.

The ballad-maker was for the
most part a moralist, and he
liked to make the murderer
confess his guilt and go to the gal-
lows in a repentant spirit.

In "The Last Moments of A.
Dalmas," for example, Dalmas
makes no concealment of the
fact that he had committed the
dreadful crime for which he was
condemned:

Men in the music-halls had
hearts in those days, and the
smell of beer, tobacco, and
orange-peel made them pecu-
liarly amenable to the melting
mood.

They did not ask for litera-
ture. So long as the song was
tender and sad and went to a
waltz tune, they were happy.

Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch did
not include "Two Little Girls
in Blue" in his "Oxford Book
of Victorian Verse," but it
touched the Victorian heart as
some of the poems he included
did not. And how could it fail
to, with its sublimely prosaic
opening verse and chorus:

An old man gazed on a photograph,
In the locket he'd worn for years;
His nephew then asked him the
reason why

That picture had cost him tears—
"Come, listen," he said, "I will tell
you, my lad.

A story that's strange but true;
Your father and I, at the school one
day,

Met two little girls in blue,
Two little girls in blue, lad,
Two little girls in blue,
They were sisters, we were
brothers.

And learned to love the two;
And one little girl in blue, lad,
Who won your father's heart,
Became your Mother; I married
the other.

But now we have drifted
apart."

What a situation, and what
words! "But now we have
drifted apart" seems to me one
of the most nobly bathetic lines
in English literature.

And now, these inglorious
glories of a simple world have
all but faded from the earth.
The crooner with his "close-
your-eyes" and his "arms-
enfold-you" has triumphed, and
the ballad and the music-hall
song of the kind we once knew
are almost as obsolete as the
cowboy's covered waggon.

Is there any hope of a re-
vival? I confess my heart
leaped up with hope when I first
heard "The Isle of Capri."

"Victorian Street Ballads,"
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BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

The way that horse looked at
the heroine, we thought he was
going to take a bit between his
teeth.

A lady was fined for leaving
furniture in the street. This sort
of thing is liable to discommode
the public.

We received two contributions
to this column this week. One
we had seen before, and the
other we haven't seen yet.

We wish some public bene-
factor would offer travelling
scholarships to saxophone
players.

The typhoon is blamed for a
considerable reduction in local
bird life. We were thinking
that they had merely returned
to Shanghai.

According to a market report,
tripe has fluctuated somewhat;
eggs are strong; frogs have
jumped considerably, while cut-
tle-fish has hardened.

After sitting next to a lady
wearing a fur coat, we would
refer her to that advertisement
which "atops falling hair."

FIGHTING IN SNOW

Loyalists Taking Offensive

Madrid, Dec. 17. A communique states that operations on the eastern front are being continued with satisfactory results.—United Press.

Salamanca, Dec. 17. A Nationalist radio broadcast admitted the continuance of Loyalist attacks despite snow. It is indicated, however, that the attacks have been repulsed.—United Press.

Hendaye, Dec. 17. Frontier reports state that the Loyalist drive is one of considerable strength in which tanks are being used freely. It is quite apparent that activity in eastern and northern Spain is just starting.—United Press.

British Tramp Steamers To Lose Subsidy

London, Dec. 17. December 31 marks the end of the subsidy which was made available for tramp shipping in respect of each of the three years, 1935 to 1937, under the British Shipping Assistance Act, and which was paid in respect of two years, 1935 to 1936.

The subsidy will not be payable in respect of the current year as the average level of freight rates for 1937 will exceed the average for 1936. Arrangements are being made to wind up the work of the tramp shipping subsidy committee, which was set up in accordance with the act.—British Wireless.

Italian Flier Undaunted

Rome, Dec. 17. The Italian aviator, Mario Stoppani, who started yesterday on a non-stop flight from Sardinia to Latin America, but made a forced landing on the coast of Algeria owing to bad weather, announced that he will attempt a long-distance flight from Cadix shortly.—Reuter.

WAR REFERENDUM NOT NECESSARY

Washington, Dec. 17. President F.D. Roosevelt at a press conference today expressed the view that a referendum on war was not consistent with a representative form of government, when referring to an amendment to the United States Constitution proposed by Congressman Ladd, which would make a national referendum necessary for a declaration of war.

Mr. Cordell Hull had previously expressed opposition to the amendment. President Roosevelt refused to comment on the Hull incident.—Reuter.

FRANCO-CZECH ALLIANCE

Prague, Dec. 17. A declaration that the alliance between France and Czechoslovakia is not aimed at any other country was made by the Premier of Czechoslovakia at a banquet last night in honour of the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, who is visiting central European countries.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER CORPS DINNER

Captain T. Addis Martin, Corps Commander, presided at the annual dinner of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps held last night at Volunteer Headquarters. Others present included: Lieut.-Col. R. C. B. Anderson, M.C., Commandant of the H.K.V.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. H. D. C. Trell, M.C., R.A.; Major R. C. Gill, R.A.; Captain G. S. Frizelle, Captain P. S. Whitehead, R.A.; Captain E. G. Stewart, Captain H. Owen Hughes, Lieut. F. W. T. Ross, 2nd Lieut. G. F. Rees, Lieut. Watson, Mr. C. Champkin (Police Reserve).

Hongkong Mail All Saved

The Hongkong mail aboard the flying boat Cygnus, which crashed recently at Brindisi, has all been saved.

The local Post Office today received the following message from the General Post Office, London: "Accident flying boat Cygnus all mails your service received. All registered and great bulk ordinary items delivered."

The name of Mr. George McK. Park has been added to the list of Architects authorised to practice in Hongkong.

FEVERED WAR ACTIVITY IN NINE PROVINCES

(Continued from Page 1.)

and blankets in their haste to get away.

A Japanese plane observed the retreat and directed the guns accordingly, which harassed the Chinese troops with intensive fire. Some of the Chinese divisions presented good order, retreating with their weapons and transport, while others abandoned all in their haste to escape.

Gate Of Death

At 10 p.m. the Ministry of Communications' superb Chinese-style adjoining Chungshan Road, the sole avenue to the waterfront, was set on fire. The building which contained ammunition blazed so fiercely that wheeled transport along the road could not pass owing to the intensity of the heat. In the confusion, a number of cars, guns, anti-aircraft guns, bicycles and rickshaws. The Chinese troops then proceeded on foot to the Hsankwan Gate, leading to the waterfront, where a narrow opening remained. This was also jammed with vehicles which caught fire blocking access to the river entirely. Many Chinese troops perished here, their incinerated bodies forming a rampart across the gate.

Hundreds Drowned

Hundreds of Chinese troops were trapped within the walls. Then they sealed them using ladders and ropes and even tying clothing together for this purpose. Some of them jumped from the wall. Escaping thus the survivors sought boats and rafts in order to cross the Yangtze at Hsankwan, but these became overcrowded. In the words of a Chinese eye-witness "hundreds, perhaps thousands, were drowned."

In the meantime a valiant rear-guard action was fought in an attempt to stem the Japanese advance. Heavy machine-gunning continued during the night reaching its climax at midnight when the defenders were wiped out outside of the city walls, where eye-witnesses later saw more than a thousand Chinese dead.

The morning of December 13 found many Chinese troops still trapped inside the city, wandering about hungry and desperate, apprehending their fate at the hands of the Japanese. All were fully armed with rifles and machine-guns, appealing to foreigners to save their lives. Many gave up their arms inside the refuge zone and took off their uniforms.

Should Never Have Been Defended

Reports indicate that General Tang Shen-chi left at 8 o'clock the previous night. The Tanchi Gate, the principal gate in the south part of the city was the scene of the main Japanese attack which was heavily shelled and stormed, while the other gates were comparatively undamaged.

At Tanchi Gate the Chinese troops blew up the bridge over the moat in order to delay the attackers, but this manoeuvre was comparatively unsuccessful.

At 1 p.m. most of the city, including the centre and south was occupied by Japanese troops, while Chinese troops were holding a large portion of the north and centre. The Japanese patrols drove further north wiping out the Chinese on the morning of December 15.

The first definite news of the arrival of the Japanese troops was received at 1 p.m. on December 12, when Mr. Yates McDaniel the Associated Press correspondent in the Russian mechanised employed in the refuge zone, reported meeting a Japanese patrol in the city.

At 1.30 p.m. the first Japanese flag was hoisted over the ridge south of the American Embassy, and many others were soon run up over the principal buildings.

The results of the struggle, particularly the collapse of the Chinese defenders confirmed the opinion of foreign observers, that Nanking should never have been defended.—Reuter.

DR. KOO WARNS POWERS AGAINST JAPAN

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Association and the London, Manchester and Bradford Chambers of Commerce, it was decided further to communicate with His Majesty's Government, urging it to press for an early recognition of the principal claims for damage to British property and interests in China, with a view to their being met at the earliest possible moment.

The committee was informed that the British Government had sent a general representation to the Japanese authorities at Dai-ri denouncing certain cargoes of British contraband goods consigned to Shanghai, and which had been diverted by the shipping companies to Dai-ri owing to the hostilities, and that it was now making detailed representations based on the particulars of specific cases furnished by the committee.

Considerable evidence was produced that despite the repeated representations by the British Government, the Japanese military authorities were still raising many difficulties with regard to British property owners having access to their premises and businesses in the Hongkong and Yangtze districts of Shanghai, and it was decided to re-emphasise the importance of the matter upon the Foreign Office, and urge co-operation with the Government of the United States.—Reuter.

Paredes Will Fly To U.S.

Far East Tension May Affect Philippines' Plans

Washington, Dec. 17. The United States Joint Committee on Philippines affairs has been informed by Senator Paredes, Philippine Commissioner in the United States, that he was flying to Washington from Manila. He was due at Alameda on December 19. Senator Paredes is resuming his duties in Congress.

Other informed circles anticipate that Senator Paredes would probably call at the White House soon after his return with a view to acquainting President Roosevelt with latest Philippine developments. He may also possibly sound the presidential views on the presidential activities of the Joint Committee investigating the situation resulting from the Philippines independence scheme.

Many observers speculate as to whether the neutral Oriental situation may influence later stages of the Committee's deliberations.

Senator Paredes may assume the Chairmanship of the Philippines group, instead of Senator Yulo.

The Paredes incident has further complicated the outlook on an early solution of the Philippines problem. Apparently it has had the effect of making the executive branches of the Government and the more conservative sections of Congress, cautious with regard to any early commitments, but it is the consensus of opinion that if the present Congress there is a possibility that the majority will vote for earlier independence.

Under these circumstances it is believed that the more responsible political elements are likely to look to President Roosevelt for guidance.—United Press.

New Laws On Betting In Hongkong

A notification in the Government Gazette issued this morning stated that as from April 1, 1938, on every bet made on any totalisator or pari-mutuel authorised under the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, there shall be charged a duty of two per cent. of the amount paid, contributed or subscribed.

The old resolution that the duty be charged on the scale determined by the Legislative Council on September 13, 1934, has been revoked.

Asked by a representative of the Telegraph what effect the new scale of duty would have on the Hongkong Jockey Club, Mr. S. A. Sleep this morning, stated that the effect would be only very slight. The Government now charges duty on a sliding scale, whereas the new Ordinance fixes it at two per cent. flat, which would make little difference to the Jockey Club, said Mr. Sleep.

The scale reads as follows: "Where in any year ending on March 31 the total gross receipts from the sale of tickets at such totalisator or pari-mutuel do not exceed \$3,000,000, one per cent. do not exceed \$3,000,000 but do not exceed \$4,000,000, 1½ per cent. do not exceed \$4,000,000 but do not exceed \$5,000,000, 2 per cent. do not exceed \$5,000,000 but do not exceed \$6,000,000, 2½ per cent. exceed \$6,000,000, 3 per cent."

WORLD ARMAMENTS COST HEAVILY

Geneva, Dec. 13. The League of Nations' Armaments Year Book shows that world armaments expenditure for 1937 reached the record sum of 7,100,000,000 old gold dollars (approximately 12,000,000,000 at the present rate) as compared with 5,600,000,000 old gold dollars in 1936.

There are 8,500,000 men permanently under arms as compared with 6,000,000 in 1913.—United Press.

WILL LEAD ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT

St. Louis, Dec. 17. Mr. Frank Lead has been officially appointed to head the Committee formulating policies in order to attack President Roosevelt's administration during the coming campaigns.—United Press.

HOTEL SNOW PLANNED

The management of the Hongkong Hotel has arranged a special dinner dance to-night in the Grill Room with extension until 3 a.m., the occasion being for the reception of the Philharmonic Society after the show, when the cast, the artists and patrons will be in attendance. At this function will also appear Szita and Anik together with the famous Midnight Follies, the latter being presented for the first time.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

London, Dec. 17. According to present arrangements the King and Queen will leave London next Wednesday for Sandringham, where the royal family will spend Christmas.

The name of Dr. Tsai Len-hwon has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practice medicine in Hongkong.

H.K. MAN TELLS OF DANGEROUS NANKING DRIVE

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but leaped over the side of the car and ran fifty yards into the fields before flinging myself flat. Later I felt a little foolish because they did not open fire. We could see them peering out of the cockpits, and examining the car. I swear the British flag over the engine-hood saved us. They flew off to the west.

Took Greater Care

"We stayed about five minutes more in the paddyfield, as a friend said later 'disguised as a rice plant'. After that experience we were more careful and constantly watched for planes."

"Further on we came across a car which was returning from Nanking after delivering some British naval people at the capital. A big Union Jack was painted on the roof. When Japanese planes had dived on him the driver lost his head and just drove on, dropping the car into it. It was very badly damaged. We sent to Shanghai for relief for him."

"Later we met a mail truck which had been attacked and destroyed. There was only an old man guarding it. We could not ascertain if anyone had been killed."

Rough Journey

"During the trip we had nine punctures and a blow-out at 40 miles an hour."

"We stopped at a small town to get repairs and found it almost deserted. A man told us it had been bombed a few hours previous and 200 were dead. The rest had fled."

"We got new tyres in Nanking, did our work and left again. A message had come through that the Chinese had retreated leaving only one road into the Settlement and this was supposed to be under shell fire, but we decided to chance it and collected all the stock we could possibly carry. We had to collect Mr. Chancellor, the manager of Reuters, who had been up to see Chang Kai-shek and was anxious to return to Shanghai as soon as possible."

"We started off at 11.30 p.m. carrying the Official Mail from the British Embassy and Mr. Chancellor, the three of us sitting in the front and my machine behind. The car ran very well. The driver and I took hourly turns and were able to make very good time throughout the night. Only once were we stopped, and this by a Chinese soldier truck driver. He asked if we had seen a gun and had dropped it off his truck. He was driving to the war front at Shanghai. We drove fast aiming to make Shanghai as soon after day-break as possible, but ran into fog by the Grand Canal and a payday held on the one side and a payday held on the other we really had to slow down."

Met Three Bombers

"We met three huge bombers about two miles out of Shanghai. We dashed off into the fields again but they had not seen us so we drove at high speed into the Settlement. Our constant worry on the way back was whether we would be able to get into the Settlement before the Japanese took the last road, fortunately the road was still clear but I am very glad we left when we did."

Shanghai is probably the dirtiest town in the world, but it seemed like heaven driving along the tree-lined streets and not having to constantly watch the skies. I had had five hours' sleep in three days. The journey took eighteen hours and the return twelve. The car ran perfectly the whole way.

Throughout the journey we met with the utmost courtesy and assistance from the military and police. The Union Jack spread over the bonnet and one of the men with a great effect. It was different than usually meets when up-country in China. Country people would come up to the car and point to the flag and explain to their friends that this was the British flag and I was an indifferent manner."

"It was amazing to see the way the public services are carrying on, the buses, trains and posts. Although the roads and train tracks are being regularly bombed, these essential services keep going. At every bridge on the river there is a man waiting and if the bridge or road is bombed he immediately informs the elder of the nearest village who collects a squad of men who quickly make the repairs."

STOCK MARKET CHEERFUL

London, Dec. 17. Sentiment was cheerful on the London Exchange to-day, and the majority of prices were well maintained despite sporadic profit-taking. Mexican Eagles were exceptionally active on selling and Argentine Hais were marked up on reports of a demand that increased rates be granted. Commodities and wheat ended on American straddle selling. Wall Street opened steady.—Reuter's Special.

DICTATOR ORDERS LEAGUE LIVES

Geneva, Dec. 17. Italian officials of the League and the International Labour Office to-day attended a meeting at the Italian Consulate where they were informed that it was desirable they should resign from their positions. They would have to take the consequences if they remained at Geneva, except for a few who have anti-Fascist sympathies.—Reuter.

RADIO BROADCAST

Relay of the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra LONDON RELAYS

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.) 31.40 metres (9.52 m.c.s.). 11.5.7

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 A Ballad and Piano-forte Concert.

Turkish March (from 'The Ruins of Athens'—Beethoven, arr. Rubinstein); Espenlaub (Concert Etude No. 6—Emil von Sauer); Emil von Sauer (Piano); Full Sail (Graves-Duck); Sea Winds (Adew-Harrison); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone); Pierrette (Chaminade); Una Bourne (Piano); Without The Moon; San Diego Betty (Hill 'Mayfair Melody'—Byron-Smith); Keith Falkner (Baritone); Hunting Song (Mendelssohn); Song Without Words—F. Major (Mendelssohn); Benno Moisevitich (Piano).

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Musical Comedy Selections. 'Please Teacher'—Selection (Waller and Tunbridge); 'Tulp Time'—Selection (Slover and Work); 'New Mayfair Orchestra'; 'Lido Lady'—Selection (Rodgers); 'Savoy Orpheans'.

1.20 Waltzes.

The Grenadiers Waltz (Waldteufel—arr. Winterbottom); 'Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards' Cond. by Capt. George Miller.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety.

Orchestra—Harry Roy Stage Show (Recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southport); Vocal—Wine Waltz (Gross-Scheld); To-day is The Day (Schuster-Burn); Herbert E. Groh (Tenor); Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 3... Charlie Kunz; Cinema Organ—Speak To Me of Love (Lenoir); Escapade (A Mexican Elopement—Phillips); Al Bollington; Orchestra—Don't Say Goodbye—Quickstep... Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

4.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Violin and Cello Solo.

Ave Maria (Schubert, arr. Wilhelm); Caprice Vienne (Kreisler—Op. 2)... Naum Blinder; Dan Lament (Dvorak, arr. Kreisler); Dimanche De Paques Sur La Mer (Maurice Maréchal (Violoncello); Improvisation on a Japanese Tune (Zimbalist)... Extrem Zimbalist (Violin).

7.20 Haydn—Quartet In C Major, Op. 1, No. 6.

Played by the Pro Arte Quartet.

7.30 Chopin Nocturnes.

Nocturne In F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne In B Major, Op. 9, No. 3; Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

7.40 Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market.

7.45 London Relay—As I See It—7.

A talk by Gilbert Murray, LL.D., D. Litt., F.R.S. (recently Regius Professor of Greek in the University of Oxford).

8.00 Time Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Negro Spirituals.

I've Been Baked; Gwina Lay Down My Life; Go Down, Moses (arr. Edna Thomas)... Edna Thomas (Soprano); I'm Goin' To Tell Good All O' My Troubles (arr. Brown); Deep River (Barleigh)... Paul Robeson (Bass).

8.15 London Relay—'London Lok' A talk by Cyril Gardiner.

8.25 Light Orchestral and Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

Scenes From 'Les Femmes d'Alger' (arr. Angelus); Felce Bohème (Massenet)... The London Palladium Orchestra Cond. Richard Cream; Through The Years (Heyman-Youmans); Dusty Road (L. and O. Rene)... Nelson Eddy; Forget It And Smile (Barnabas Von Fuzza (Ministry of Music); Cecily De Valse (arr. Winter)... The London Palladium Orchestra Cond. Richard Cream.

8.40 London Relay—For the Colonial Service.

Talks on 'Matters of Interest to Government Servants in the Colonial Service'.

8.50 A concert by John McCormack (Tenor) and Backhaus (Piano) Prelude And Fugue No. 23 In B Flat Minor (Bach); Sources De Vienne No. 6 (Schubert-Liszt)... Backhaus; O Gathering Clouds (arr. Balm); Love's Secret (Blaze-Bantock)... John McCormack (Tenor); Intermezzo In E Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1; Intermezzo In B Flat Minor, Op. 117, No. 2 (Brahms)... Backhaus (Piano); Jeanie With The Light Brown Hair; Sweetly She Slept; My Alice Fair (Easter)... John McCormack.

9.20 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

That Old Feeling; 2. Turn on That Hot Hot Heat; 3. Lovely One; 4. Runnin' Wild.

10.10 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.15 B. Blossoms on Broadway; 6. Stop! You're breaking my heart; 7. Whispers in the dark; 8. Public Melody No. 1.

10.30 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.40 9. Song of the Islands; 10. One Rose; 11. Sweet Lullaby; 12. Medley of Hawaiian Hula.

10.55 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

11.00 13. Make a wish; 14. Smarty; 15. The Moon Go into My Eyes; 16. After you.

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IF I find it difficult to get to sleep these nights, I don't count sheep jumping over fences. I count books tumbling over publishers' counters.

New books in gay-coloured jackets, one after the other, they stream down like a miniature Niagara, flashing hypnotically in their fall. "One, two, three, four, five... fifty... But hundred... a thousand... But long before "eleven thousand" (the round total of new books issued in a year), I am dozing off—to dream fitfully, perhaps, about a publisher.

Any morning for the past few weeks I have found ten or twelve or twenty volumes piled on my desk, awaiting my Considered Critical Opinion. And so it will continue, for this is the peak period of publishing. Longer nights, chairs by the fireside, presents for Christmas—all that means more books.



That is the publisher's dream. Of that eleven thousand, about one half are novels. Eight hundred come under "Biography and Memoirs." And six hundred are political. But, remember, more than five thousand novels.

Now, it is not only physically impossible for me to read all those books. I cannot read even half of those that look worth while.

They float away, lost in the flood of indifferent and bad books that swirls along. Victims of the indiscriminate tactics of so much publishing to-day, they point the moral of my argument—publishers do not sufficiently realize their duty towards the people who keep them in being by buying their books.

For publishing is no ordinary business. I should like to see written over every publisher's door: "The goods we handle here can be social stimulus or social dupe."

I know publishers who choose their authors with discretion and a definite sense of their responsibility to the reading public. Firms with the high standard that goes with a social conscience.

Despite which, as that spate of literary holism and jelsam so clearly proves, certain aspects of publishing are giving the profession an increasing air of irresponsibility.

Remember that the publisher is

naturally in the business—and it is essentially a chance, hazardous business—for a profit, although the economics of publishing—and still more, of authorship—are among the higher mysteries. A sale of five hundred copies of a novel has been described to me by a publisher as "a good sale for a financial failure." On a sale of two thousand the author stands to earn about £75 and the publisher £50.

Above that figure income and profits increase proportionately. A novel selling ten thousand is in the best-selling class. In the extremely rare case of a novel whose sales have reached a hundred thousand, the author should make from £2,000 to £10,000 and the publisher rather more.

Non-fiction? Well, a biography selling a thousand copies at 15s. might make £150 for its author and rather more for its publisher. But the close-packed ranks of that eleven thousand, novels and general literature, are thinned by hundreds of dead-loss casualties.



Which goes to show why the publisher's day-to-day philosophy is, "Let the successful books pay for the failures." He is, therefore, always hoping that at least one goose out of his crowding seasonal flocks will turn out to be a shining, best-selling swan.

Such successes are few and far between, but the publisher goes on hoping—and publishing. This is still a free country for publishers. Anyone, with the time and money, can launch a book, regardless of whether it is really needed or not, regardless of the ominous fact that the great bulk of contemporary fiction is, sooner rather than later, sunk without trace.

That, I am sure, is one of the main reasons why we are overwhelmed with books, choked and suffocated by them—and, more often than not, I fear, bemused and doped. For indiscriminate

publishing leads to indiscriminate reading. Some experts say it is the other way round. Anyway, there they both are, swinging along in their vicious circle.

No, what Douglas Jerrold (himself a publisher) has just called the New Dispensation in publishing has a lot to answer for.

Books are "stunted" too much and too often. Book after book is boosted clean out of its class—to the occasional demoralization of the author and the neglect of other, and often worthier, books that come out at the same time.

And, long before that author is ready to write it, the publisher—and his author's public—is demanding another book from him. Very few novelists—I would almost say no novelists in sight—have it in them to turn out really good stuff every year for year after year. And so we get a stumbling procession of tired, underwritten tales from over-driven pens.



What with the invasion of the "shpennies," the rise of the book clubs and the mushroom spread of the twopenny libraries, the immediate future of the world of publishing is supremely unpredictable.

Of one thing I am certain—the more the publisher realises his responsibility to the public, the more he discriminates between the good and bad, the original and the hackneyed, the stimulating and the merely entertaining, the better it will be for all of us—readers, reviewers and publishers, too.

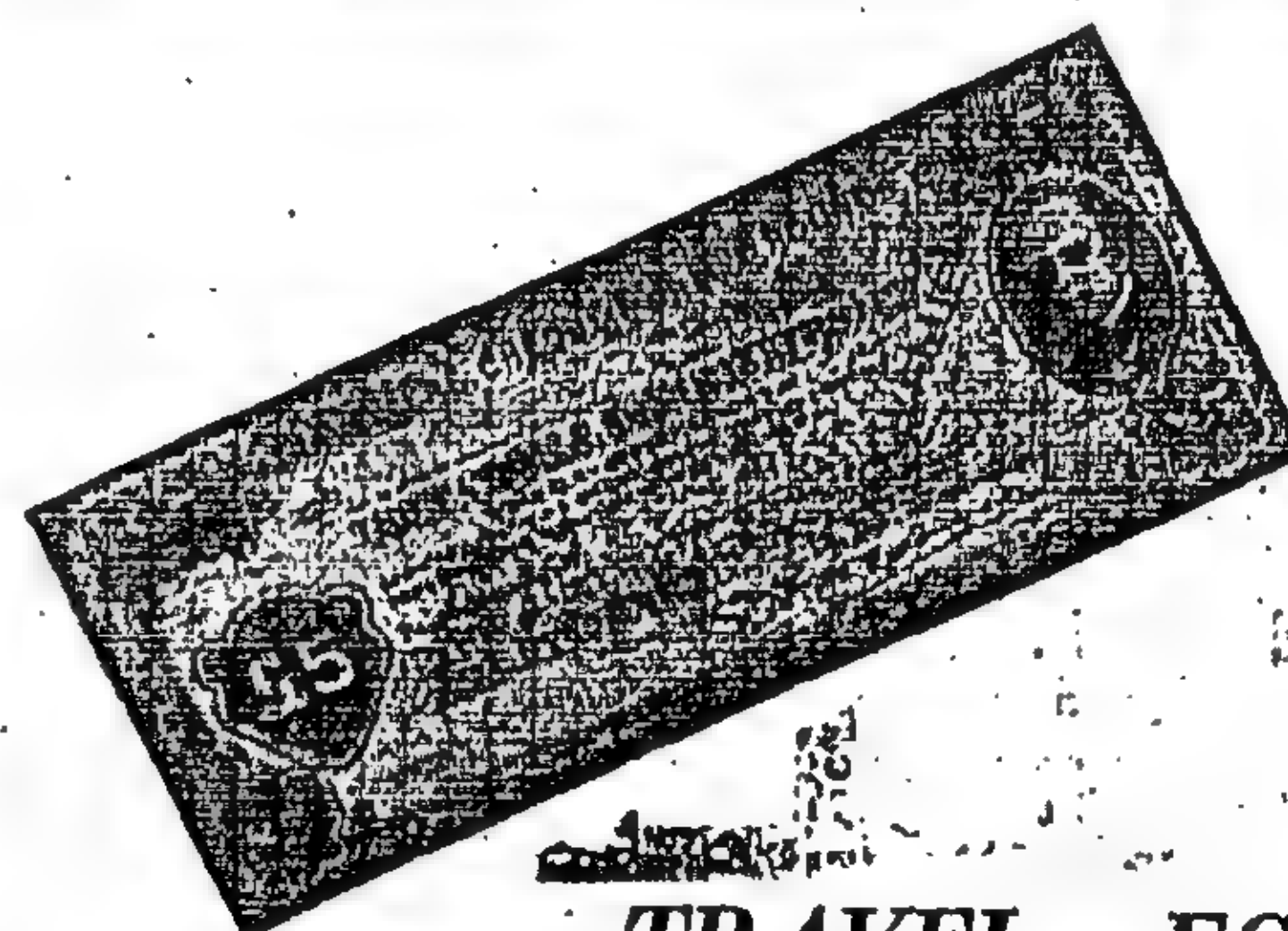
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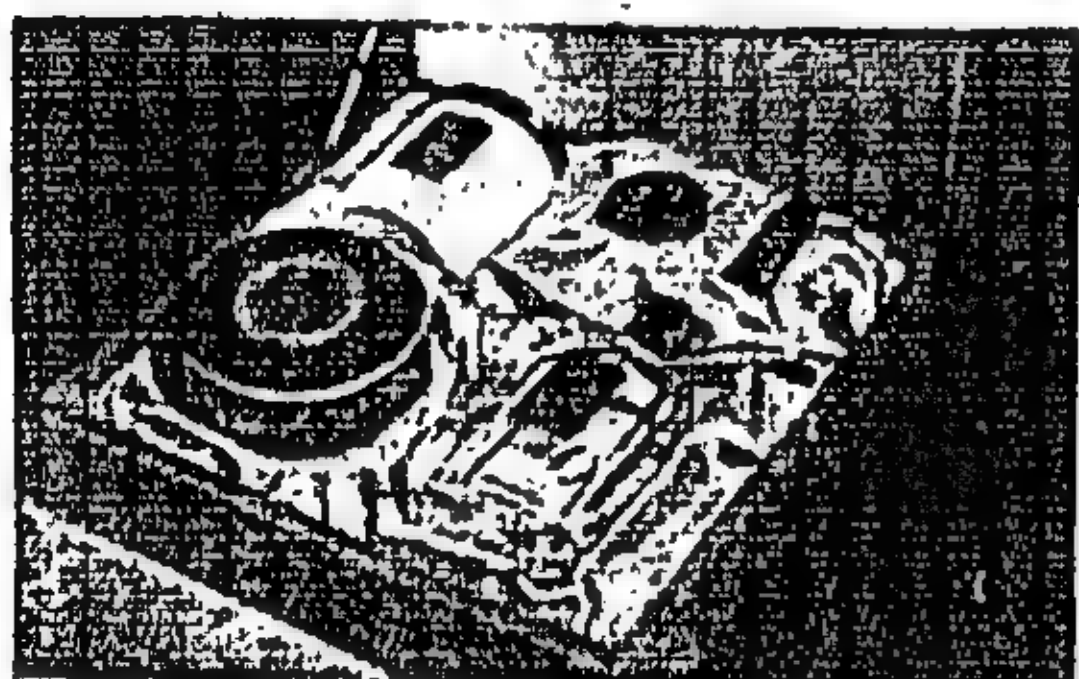
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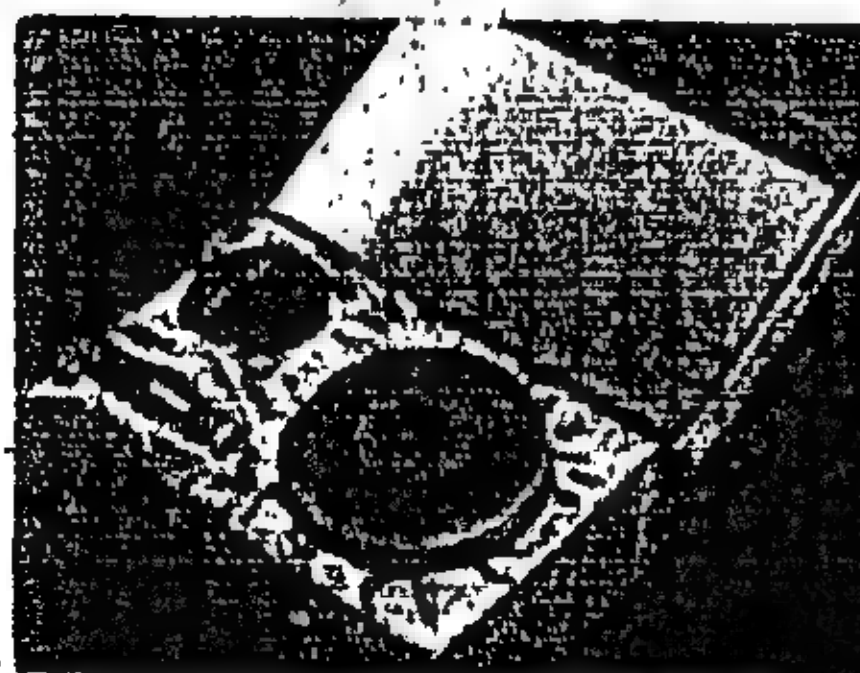
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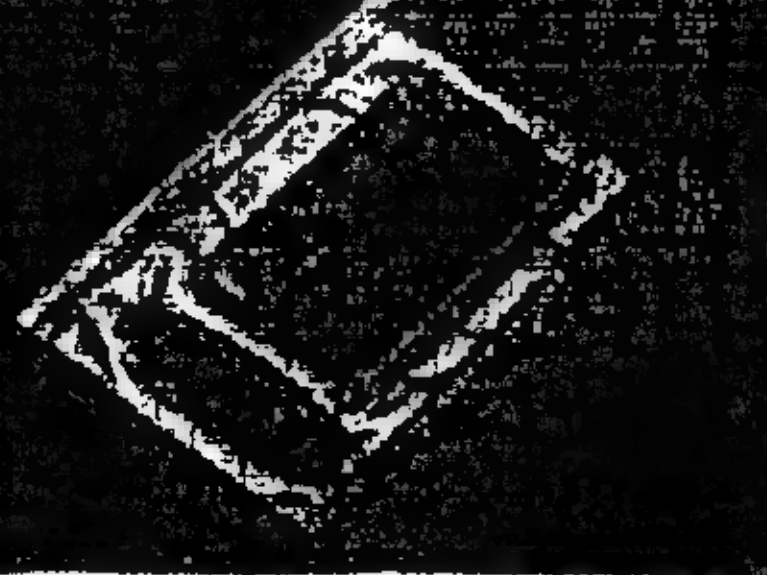
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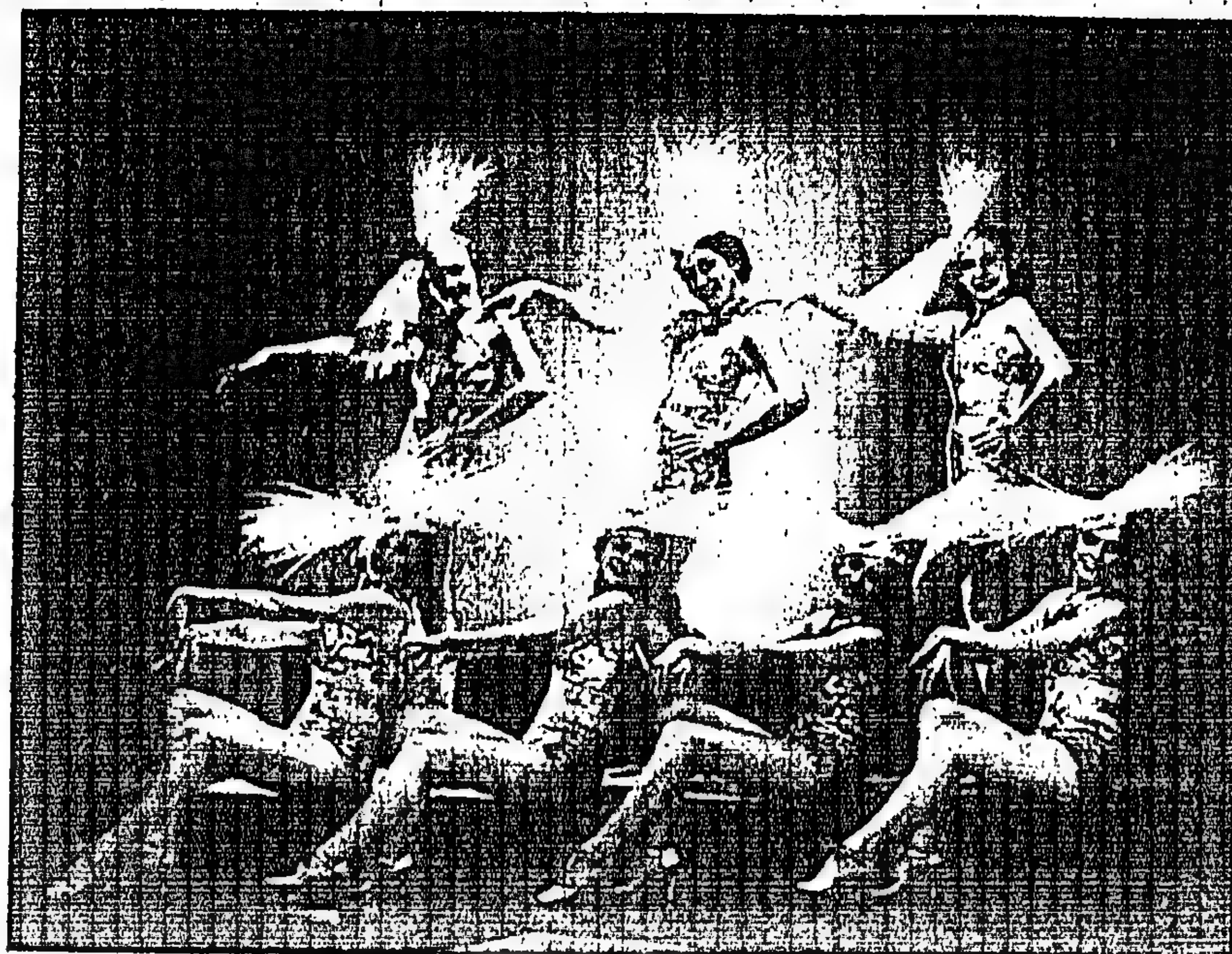
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Szita and Anis, two of the most attractive dancers to delight Hongkong socialites, are booked to appear at the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels during the Christmas festivities.

Gems Worth £12,000 Sought In Wreck Of Air Liner

JEWELLERY worth more than £12,000 is being sought at the scene of the air crash at Ostend which wiped out six members of the German royal house of Hesse.

It is believed the jewellery included a diamond diadem, two pearl necklaces and valuable rings and bracelets. Some of it has been found.

The gems were to have been worn by the grand duchess and the dowager grand duchess at Prince Ludwig's wedding.

Blue-eyed Princess Johanna Marina of Hesse, aged fourteen months, only member of the grand duke's family who was not killed in the disaster, is revealed as the richest child in Germany.

She played happily after the tragedy in her cot at the great lonely summer residence of a Wolfgarten, in Darmstadt, could not know that the household and the town of Darmstadt were in the deepest mourning, or that she had inherited the bulk of her dead father's fortune, says the Daily Express.

The unnamed and prematurely born infant whose body was found in the wreckage was buried in the same coffin as its mother, the twenty-six-year-old Grand Duchess Cecilia.

The new Grand Duke Ludwig, on his arrival from London, stood hand

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS AT THE HONGKONG & PENINSULA HOTELS

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elaborate. The management is to be congratulated on securing such a talented group of entertainers for the holiday season.

Szita and Anis, Patrons of the Hongkong Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel will be pleased to hear also that Szita and Anis, who have become so popular with hotel patrons, have had their engagement extended until the end of the year, and will appear nightly in conjunction with Volsky's Midnight Follies. Szita and Anis are probably the most pleasing and versatile pair ever seen here. They excel in comedy numbers as well as in straight exhibition dancing, and there is the best quality about everything they do.

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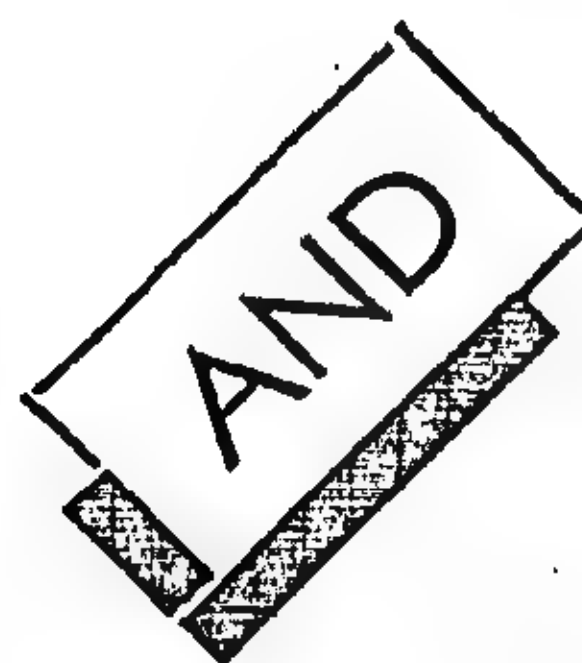
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CLOSE BADMINTON MATCH AT TAIKOO LAST NIGHT

SAINTS JUST BEATEN FIRST WIN FOR THE HOME SIDE

Of the three matches scheduled for the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last evening, only one was played, the other two being postponed by mutual arrangement.

St. Andrew's visited Taikoo, and though they were confidently expected to win against the home side which had not won a single point from four matches, they were narrowly beaten, the issue going to the final game.

Taikoo won because in G. A. Smith and Miss R. Summers, they had a pair who were better than any from the Saints. Smith and Miss Summers won all their three games, and a fine victory by A. Keown and Miss M. Fraser in the last and deciding game over H. Kew and Miss White gave the home team their initial victory.

C. Boydard's return also strengthened the Taikoo team quite a bit although he and his partner won only one game; this was a one-sided match against Kew and Miss White, who were beaten 21-0.

Taikoo led 2-1 at the end of the round, but at the end of the second the scores were tied at 3-3. Then E. F. Fincher and Miss Florrie Wong gave the Saints the lead by beating Boydard and Miss Cunningham. The second encounter in the last round saw a fine victory by Smith and Miss Summers over W. C. Choy and Miss Churn. Everything then depended on the final game between Keown and Miss Fraser, and Kew and Miss White, the former winning out at 21-15.

Scores: G. A. Smith and Miss R. Summers (Taikoo) beat H. Fincher and Miss F. Wong 21-15; beat W. C. Choy and Miss M. Churn 21-15; beat H. Kew and Miss E. White 21-15. A. Keown and Miss M. Fraser lost to Fincher and Miss Wong 21-7; lost to Choy and Miss Churn 21-12; lost to Smith and Miss Summers 21-15. C. Boydard and Miss F. Cunningham lost to Fincher and Miss Wong 21-15; lost to Choy and Miss Churn 21-15; lost to Smith and Miss Summers 21-15.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Kowloon Tong	3	3	0	0	23	4	6
Free Lancers	3	2	1	0	15	12	4
St. Andrew's	3	2	3	0	15	27	4
University	3	1	2	0	15	12	2
Taikoo	3	1	4	0	10	35	2
Recreio "B"	1	0	1	0	4	5	0

RECREIO FORGES AHEAD

Club de Recreio "A" advanced another step in the "A" Division of the Men's League last night when they defeated King's College by nine games to love. S.



Badminton players who took part in the mixed doubles match between St. Andrew's and Taikoo on the latter's court last night. Front Row (left to right): Misses Cunningham, Summers, Fraser, Churn, Wong and White. Back Row (left to right): A. Keown, G. A. White, C. Boydard, H. Kew, W. C. Choy and E. F. Fincher.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

MAURICE TATE ILL

En Route For Argentine

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17.

Maurice Tate, the England and Sussex county cricketer, who is en route to South America with a cricket team on tour of the Argentine, is reported to be suffering from pneumonia and is not likely to play during the tour.—*Reuter*.

(Tate recently received notification from Sussex that his contract with the county would not be renewed next year.)

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Two strong fifteens have been selected by the Army and the Club in their Triangular Tournament rugby match at Sookunpo this afternoon. This match, which will commence at 4 p.m., will be preceded by a game between H.M.S. Adventure and the Club "A" XV at 2.45 p.m.

P. Chan, who has strained his shoulder, was missing from the King's College team, but it is doubtful whether his presence would have made any appreciable difference to the final result.

Scores: H. N. Chung and W. M. Cheung (King's College) lost to L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 11-12; lost to M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios 13-21; lost to H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros 13-21.

K. H. Lo and W. C. Cheung (King's College) lost to Carvalho and Silva 9-21; lost to Oliveira and Remedios 10-21; lost to Alves and Barros 5-21.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Liu (King's College) lost to Carvalho and Silva 1-21; lost to Oliveira and Remedios 10-21; lost to Alves and Barros 22-24.

FANLING HUNT RACES START TO-MORROW

FIVE INTERESTING EVENTS ON THE PROGRAMME

(By "Captain Foster")

The Fanling Hunt and Race Club will officially open its steep-chasing and hurdling season to-morrow at Kwanti when an attractive programme of five interesting events will be presented to the public.

For the convenience of racing fans, there will be a special train at 1.25 p.m. to Fanling and return at 5.50 p.m. to Kowloon. The Railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the Race Course, Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

The Canberra Handicap, a steep-chase for Australian ponies over one and a half miles, has drawn five entries, but Salfire has never jumped before the public and this, with therefore, be her maiden run. Glorious Star is a good leaper and I fancy him to win with Lucy Glitters and Juliette following behind.

The main event is the Ambulance Cup, a hurdle race for China ponies over 1½ miles, and a special sweep is being conducted on this race. Beneath, China Clipper, Election Time and Limeshire Tich are new to the name of over the sticks, but a good jumper and it is not a bad bet to follow. Widnes and Zero are old timers, the latter being my choice. Very poor response in the way of entries has been received for the Taipo Handicap (a steep-chase for China ponies over 1½ miles), there being only three nominations. Double Chance, Estover and Jan Stewer, and they should pass the winning post in the order named.

The December Country Cup for China ponies over the country course finishing on the race course is a knotty problem for anything may happen; but I am pleased to find the Happy Valley-racer, Ebony Idol, among the list of entries. At this time last year, this blackie of Lt.-Col. Dowbiggin was second carrying a jockey of 181 lbs. in the "B" division of the December Country Cup versus to-morrow Ebony Idol has to tip the scale at only 165 lbs. I think your money is safe on this race. However, Canary and Nebular Star are excellent country ponies and they should be well up at the finish.

The best field of the afternoon will undoubtedly be seen in the Ladies Stewer over half-a-mile sprint to be ridden by ladies. The Valley contingent is well represented by Araxy, Mae's Adventure and March Brown, the former being the winner of the Wang-Wei-Ching Stakes and is now the property of Miss P. Scott Harston—who is going to ride herself. My selections are as follows:

CANBERRA HANDICAP

Glorious Star
Lucy Glitters
Juliette

AMBULANCE CUP

Zero
Widnes
China Clipper

TAIPO HANDICAP

Double Chance
Estover

SELECTIONS FOR RACES TO-DAY

Three "Champion" Events

(By "Captain Foster")

There are eight races down for to-day's meeting at Happy Valley and my selections are as follows:

H.K. AUTUMN SUB-GRIFFINS CHAMPIONS

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Hanging Heart
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Bear Claw
Wild Life

DILATORY HANDICAP

Ebony Idol
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Phalaris

TARDY HANDICAP

Tyne
Jungle Jim
Soldier of China

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LAST CHANCE HANDICAP

A Great Time
Discovery Bay
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FINALE HANDICAP

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Gold Coin
Sylvandale

DAILY DOUBLE EVENT

Tyne/A Great Time

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS

The semi-finals of the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship have been arranged for to-day at the Chinese Recreation Club. H.D. Rumbin and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Griffiths, while G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Burnett are scheduled to meet E. C. Fincher and Miss R. Perry.

The first of these games will start at 3 p.m., and the second at 4.30 p.m. It is understood that the latter may be postponed, as the time is found unsuitable.

Jan Stewer

DECEMBER COUNTRY CUP

Ebony Idol
Canary
Nebular Star

LADIES' SCURRY

Araxy
Mae's Adventure
March Brown

Senior Shield Ties This Week-End

Fine Football Promised

(By "Abo")

Chief interest in local soccer during the week-end will be centred on the first round of the Senior Shield. Two matches will be played this afternoon and one to-morrow.

In an effort to lift the trophy, the Saints have obtained the services of four outstanding players, whose inclusion should strengthen the team considerably. Two of them are Servicemen, Pickering and Connor, right back and goal-keeper respectively of the Royal Ulster Rifles, who won the League championship last season. The other two are N. Beltrao and C. F. Remedios, two of the best half backs in Hongkong on Shanghai only a short while ago.

While Pickering and Connor are still taking an active part in the game, Beltrao and Remedios have laid off for a little time; and it is problematical what their displays will be like this afternoon when the team clashes with Kowloon at Caroline Hill. I saw Pickering and Connor two weeks ago in the exhibition match against a Colony XI, and I feel safe in saying that they will not let the team down. If both Beltrao and Remedios are fit and have not lost their form, the Saints' defence will be a great stumbling block to the Kowloon forwards, who will find it difficult to get through.

Kowloon's record in Shield competitions is second to none in Hongkong, but it will have to play very well indeed to-day to negotiate to-day's hurdle.

CLUB STILL WEAK

The other game this afternoon is between the Club and Eastern at Happy Valley. I am afraid this game will not bear comparison with the other. The Club side does not seem to show any signs of improvement, though a Shield match may bring the best out of the players. The Chinese should win if they produce their normal form.

To-morrow afternoon, the Police will play South China "A". With the Police, it is never safe to say what they will do even against a formidable team like South China "A". The defence is sound, but the forwards lack thrust and too often scoring opportunities are thrown away. If, however, Howlett and Johnson are on the mark, the Chinese will not have things entirely their own way. South China "A" has paid the Police the compliment of fielding its full side for the engagement.

TEAMS SELECTED

St. Joseph's: Connor; Pickering; V. Costa; A. J. Hussain; N. Beltrao; C. F. Remedios; C. Marques; A. Ward; D. Leonard; J. Gomes and A. Alves. Kowloon: Rowlands; Souza; A. Ulrich; Evans; Bilas; O'Connor; W. Knox; Jurg; D. Knox; V. White and Honibull.

Club: Skinner; Hill; Nogatzin; Hynes; J. Skinner; Wilson; Fisher; Scott; Fowler; Bleckford and Sloan. Eastern: Sammy Tsang; Lo Wai-man; Kwok Ping-chung; Tsang Chung-wan; Ng Tak-wing; Lo Wai-kuen; Chan Ping-to; Soong Ling-sing; Lee Tack-kee; Kwok Ying-kee and Hau Ching-to.

South China "A": Choo Siew-hang; Mak Shiu-hon; Li Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu; Lau Hing-choi; Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing; Lal Shiu-wing; Fung King-cheong; Cheuk Shok-kam and Cheong Moon-wing.

AMERICAN TURFMAN RETIRES

Baltimore, Nov. 24.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney has temporarily retired from the turf, and 15 of his horses have been sold for \$23,020. The sale was the most important of its kind in Maryland turf history.

Mr. Whitney regards his retirement merely as temporary and said recently that when he had an opportunity to devote personal attention to his stable he would be back in racing. In the meantime his wife has expanded her stable of jumpers by taking over some of her husband's former flat racehorses, which will be put to jumping.

The horse which won most money was Dauber, which was sold to Mr. W. Du Pont, jun., a member of the Jockey Club, for \$29,000 (about £5,600), while The Chief, which was rated as Dauber's superior at the beginning of the season, was sold to Mr. Maxwell Howard for \$14,100 (about £2,820).

Three Horses In Dead-Heat At Cairo

Cairo, Nov. 25.

Three horses dead-headed for first place in the Aboukir Handicap for thoroughbreds, run here to-day over seven furlongs at the Heliopolis Racing Club.

Lemlin, owned by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson, and ridden by Gibson, an English jockey, was leading near the post, but was caught by Mr. T. P. Cozima's Ballycarline and Baron J. Empain's Crazy Weather.

The last time a triple dead-heat occurred on the English Turf was at Newmarket in 1924, when Hope Deferred, Vaddy and Buddha finished together in the Long Course Selling Handicap.

CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 1st XI in their friendly match against the Royal Navy to-day, at 2 p.m. on the town ground:

A. W. Hayward, F. H. Stokes, M. F. L. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, M. R. Swain, H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, J. H. Fox, G. A. Stewart, R. E. H. Nelson and A. C. I. Bowker.

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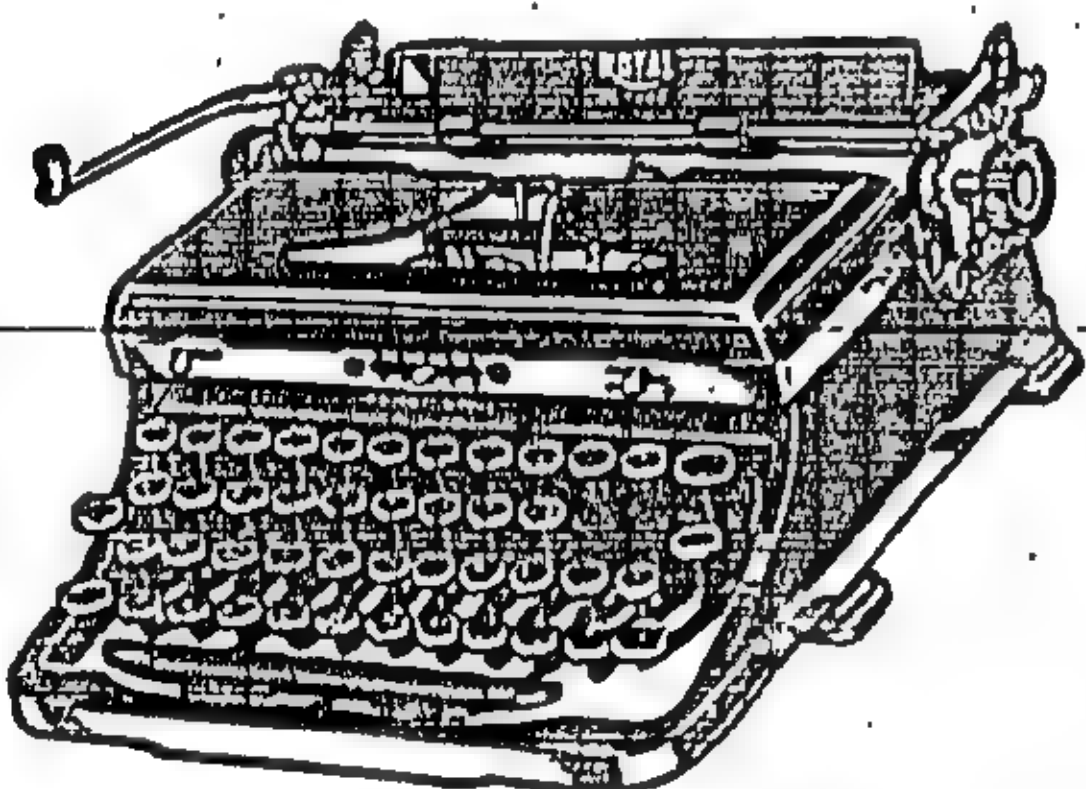
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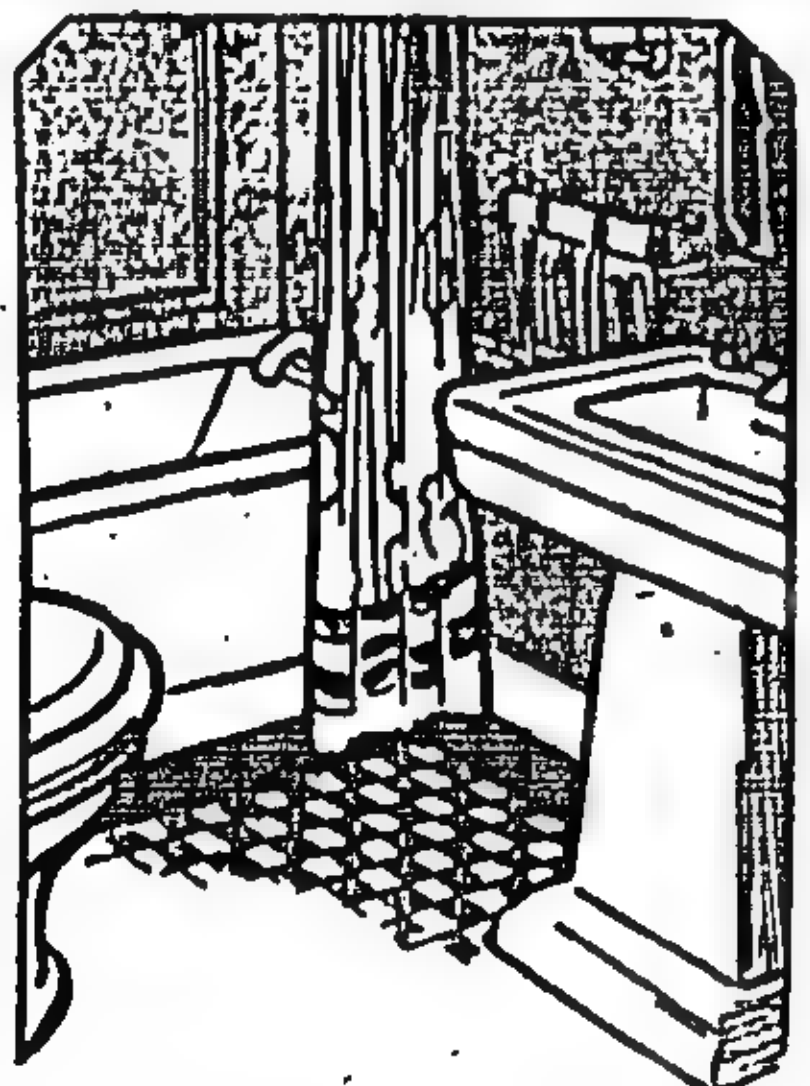
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By F. R. Burrow

Nearly ever since the service ceased to be underhand, and the introduction of the overhead—or, as it was then called, overhand—service was greeted with shrieks of disapproval on the ground that it would "ruin the game," attempts have been made to lessen the server's advantage. These attempts have mainly been concerned with hampering the server as much as possible by defining with the utmost strictness where and how he is to stand to deliver the service, and what movements of his feet he may and may not make during the time that elapses between his taking up his position and the actual striking of the ball with his racket.

The rules in which these attempts have resulted, however, are not wholly satisfactory because not more than one umpire in a hundred will take his course in his hands and enforce them strictly. Consequently, suggestions have from time to time been made in the direction of limiting the server's advantage either by altering the measurements of the court so as to reduce the area of the service court, or by making him stand farther away from the net behind the baseline so as to increase his margin of error. This last idea consisted in drawing a new line a foot behind the baseline, and allowing the server to go through any antics or contortions he liked in delivering the service so long as both his feet were behind that line at the moment of impact of racket and ball.

UMPIRE'S DIFFICULTIES

If this suggestion had met with approval it is doubtful whether the server would have been materially disadvantaged, but not in the least doubtful that the difficulties of the umpire would have been increased, since the server would be farther away from him, and the exact position of his feet (on which the whole difficulty arises) even harder to determine. Besides, the addition of more lines to the court—even outside it—was not looked on favourably. The measurements of the court have been exactly as they are to-day for a long way over fifty years. The game has been built up and developed on those measurements, and there has been a general feeling that if the advantage possessed by the server is to be curbed it must be done in some other way than by altering the measurements of the court. A suggestion that the service-line should be brought a foot nearer the net was, for the same reason, dismissed. It would have operated much too severely against the server who has learnt and developed a severe service, since services of the "cannon-ball" type are pretty well bound, from their trajectory, to pitch within a few inches of the service-line; and if that line were brought a foot nearer the net all these would be faults, and the time and energy spent on acquiring a really good service wasted.

A year or two ago a further suggestion was made by the secretary of the L.T.A., Mr. H. A. Sabelli, that, instead of shortening the service-court, it should be narrowed. To carry this into effect Mr. Sabelli suggested that each service-court should be narrowed by eighteen inches on each side of the centre-service line, thus leaving a space of a yard wide down the middle of the court in which, if any service pitched, it would be a fault. This suggestion, while giving the server the advantage of his "cannon-ball" in every direction save one, gave the receiver a measure of protection in that he would no longer have to be forearmed against one of the most acwinning services of all, the very fast

ball straight down the middle of the court. But it decreased the space into which the server could direct the ball, even more than the bringing of the service-line a foot nearer his net would have done; and, worse still from the point of view of the "traditionalist," it necessitated a great change in the marking out of the court. I believe that it was tried, though it certainly cannot have been fully tested; in any case, the suggestion passed into the limbo of forgotten things.

FRESH PROPOSAL

But the fertile brain of Mr. Sabelli is not one to be discouraged by disappointment. He has recently made a fresh proposal, in his desire to put an end to the eternal controversy over the foot-fault rule (or, rather, the rules dealing with service—the word "foot-fault" is not to be discovered anywhere in the Rules of the Game). This consists in allowing the server, while keeping one foot on the ground behind the baseline during the delivery of his service, to swing the other as far over it as he chooses, or can do without losing his balance. In compensation for this liberty of action, he draws a foot or fifteen inches behind the cross-service line. Any first service that pitches beyond this new line is not to be a fault but a point scored to the receiver; no second service, in the case, is to be allowed. A first service that pitches between the new line and the ordinary cross-service line is to be a fault, and another service (as at present) is to be permitted.

It seems to me that almost the only disadvantage to Mr. Sabelli's proposal is the one on which other proposals have struck and foundered—the addition of a fresh line to the court. There may be others; for example, the indifferent player, who either uses his first service as a sighting shot or else slams it wildly down in the pathetic hope that it may be good, will certainly lose a great many aces right off and a good many more by "doubles." That the service linesman (if any) would have two lines to watch instead of one is true enough but need present no great difficulty. But the umpire in the chair, would be in much less difficulty than he is now, because it is the "swinging foot" that is, at present, the chief cause of his troubles. Also, the proposal has the great advantage of not altering the dimensions of the service-court in any way.

THE MULTITUDE WINS

It would be well worth while to experiment with Mr. Sabelli's plan; pretty well anything that would put a stop, once and for all, to the eternal bickering over the foot-fault rule would not only be an advantage to the game but a saver of time spent in inconclusive arguments at meetings of the various ruling bodies of the game. All the same, I am entirely with my old friend, the late

H. S. Scrivenor, in deploring what he called "linking with the rules." And I am particularly opposed to legislating for (and against) the "crack" player, who, after all, is not more than one in ten thousand of those who play and enjoy the game as it stands. The general body of players ought to be remembered and considered when alterations to the rules of the game (in which the measurements of the court are an integral part) are being suggested; how such alterations will or may affect them is at least as important as how they will affect the player who has a chance of a championship.

After all, in this particular instance, the battle between the server and the receiver is an age-long battle; sometimes this server has the better of it, sometimes the receiver finds the proper counter. In a long series of singles I should doubt if the server, in any case, has more than a 60 per cent. advantage. In doubles it is very much higher, but not because the service is more powerful but because the server has a partner to guard half of the court against the return of the service. In any case, though experiment with Mr. Sabelli's proposal would be interesting, translation of it into acceptance must be far distant; the International Federation alone can alter the rules of the game, and as it proceeds by the method of committees to consider and report, and the circularising of the report to the thirty-odd nations which comprise the Federation for their consideration and report, and the reception of their opinions, and referring the matter back for further consideration and report—well, I should be surprised if the Centre Court at Wimbledon presents any different appearance ten years hence from what it does now!

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CHURCH REMARRIAGE

"That a committee be appointed with an instruction to prepare and introduce a measure for prohibiting the use of the service for the solemnisation of holy matrimony contained in the Book of Common Prayer in respect to the marriage of any person whose spouse by a former marriage is still alive."

Mr. Arthur S. May, authority on marriage in church, who acted as legal assessor when this question was brought before the joint committee of the two Convocations, yesterday described the proposal as "raising the gravest issue since the Revised Prayer-book."

The Church Assembly sit in three houses—the House of Bishops, House of Clergy, and House of Laity.

Mr. May said: "The bishops will certainly favour the measure. Most of them have already expressed the view that no divorced person—innocent or guilty—be permitted to re-marry in church."

"Several bishops have recently warned their clergy not to conduct such marriages."

"It would seem that the opposition to this measure must come principally from the laity."

PUNISHING THOSE

NEEDING SYMPATHY

"My own view is that it is one thing to refuse to marry a guilty party—quite another thing to punish one who may be deserving of sympathy."

"The law allows divorce. Public opinion, in my view, is firm to-day that some right to divorce is required by morality."

"I have heard the view expressed—and I believe it is very widely held—that while Christianity sets before us the ideal marriage for our example it does not seek to put a yoke on humanity which it is not able to bear."

"It is right to discourage divorce. It is wrong to deny that sometimes, for some people, it is the only way out—and the right way out."

Mr. May said that if Lord Hugh Cecil's proposal is accepted another measure dealing with the admission of divorced persons to Holy Communion will probably follow.

"I believe," he said "that the sequel would be that a proposal could be brought forward to ban divorced persons, innocent or guilty, unless they were ready to seek the permission of the bishop and express regret."

"There may be, in the end, no place whatever for divorced persons in the Church of England."

ONE BISHOP SAYS

POLICY UNSOUND

One bishop at least does not agree that the church should "treat the innocent like the guilty."

Dr. H. H. Benson, Bishop of Durham, speaking on the Matrimonial Causes Act at Durham Diocesan Conference on Saturday, said he considered such treatment "unsound in principle and policy."

"It is clearly my duty frankly to dissociate myself from it," he said. "I do not understand why the Church should treat as offenders against the Law of Christ, those Christian people—themselves in no merely technical sense innocent merely—who have exercised the liberty of marriage after divorce, which from the Apostolic ages has been allowed in churches and which is to-day everywhere allowed outside the Papal obedience."

"I suggest our rigorists should reflect on the requirements of the Third Commandment and make sure that in their zeal they are not taking the Lord's name in vain."

SAILORS' WIVES WHO HAVE TO DRAW RELIEF

There are men serving in the Royal Navy whose wives and children are having to draw relief from public assistance committees, Mr. J. E. Lane, hon. treasurer of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, told the annual meeting of the trust in London recently.

Many young husbands in the Navy, he said, were able to give their wives and families only 18s. a week. "It is an absolute public disgrace," he added.

Just before Mr. Lane spoke, Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, had told the meeting that never had the importance of the Navy been greater than to-day. Never had the future of this country and the fate of the whole world depended more upon its efficiency and strength.

The efficiency of the Navy depended not only on the strength and equipment of battleships, cruisers, and submarines, but upon the hearts of the men sailing in them.

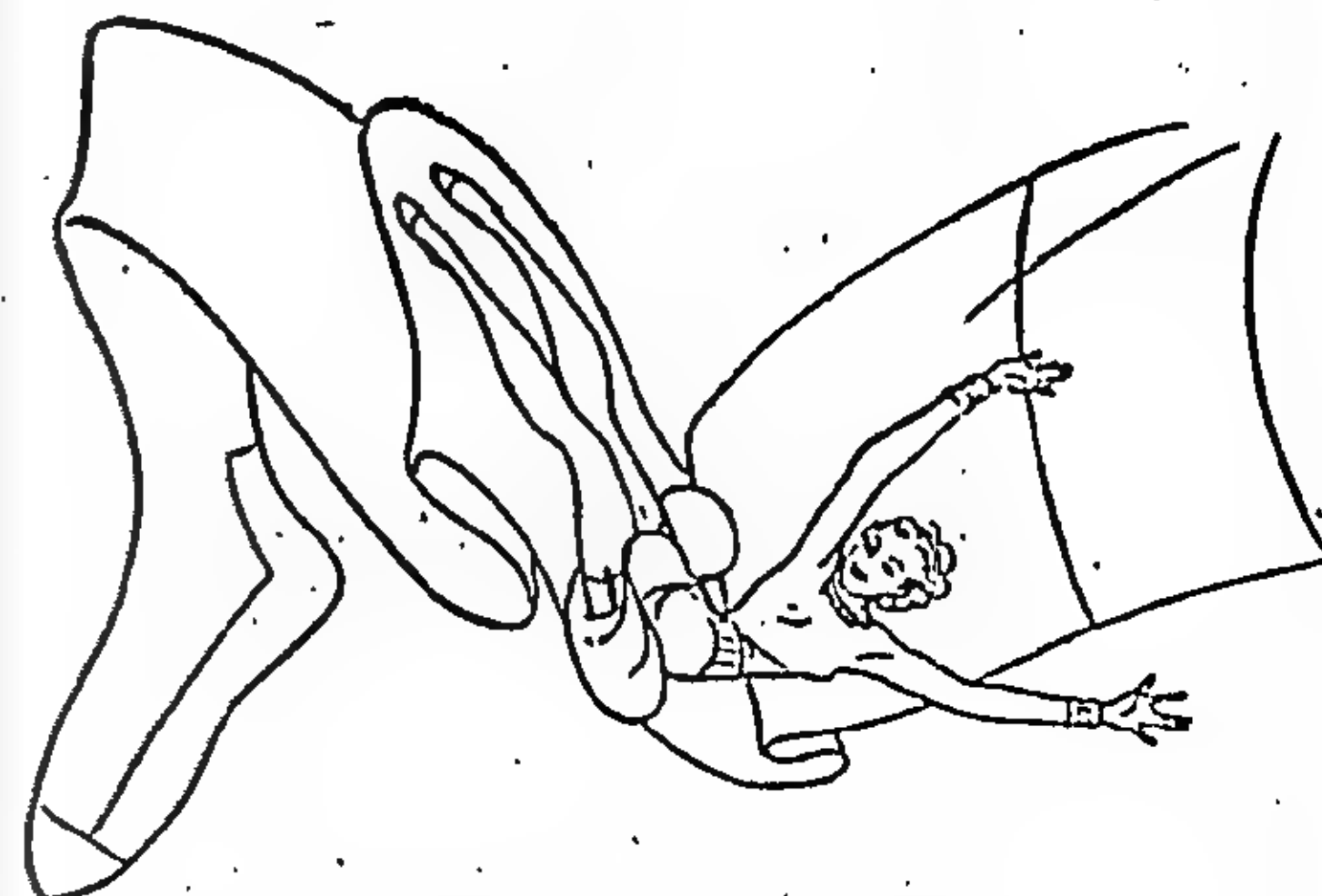
A political career, he said, opened one's eyes to so many different de-

partments of national life. He was more and more impressed by the tremendous voluntary services which Englishmen gave, without any recognition or reward, for their fellow-citizens.

"The Royal Navy as a Career and How to Join It," issued by the Admiralty last year, gives 14s. a week as the minimum pay for ordinary seamen, ordinary signalmen, ordinary telegraphists, sick berth attendant probationers, assistant cooks, and assistant stewards. Allowance for a wife is 10s. for a wife and one child 15s., two children 18s., three children 20s.

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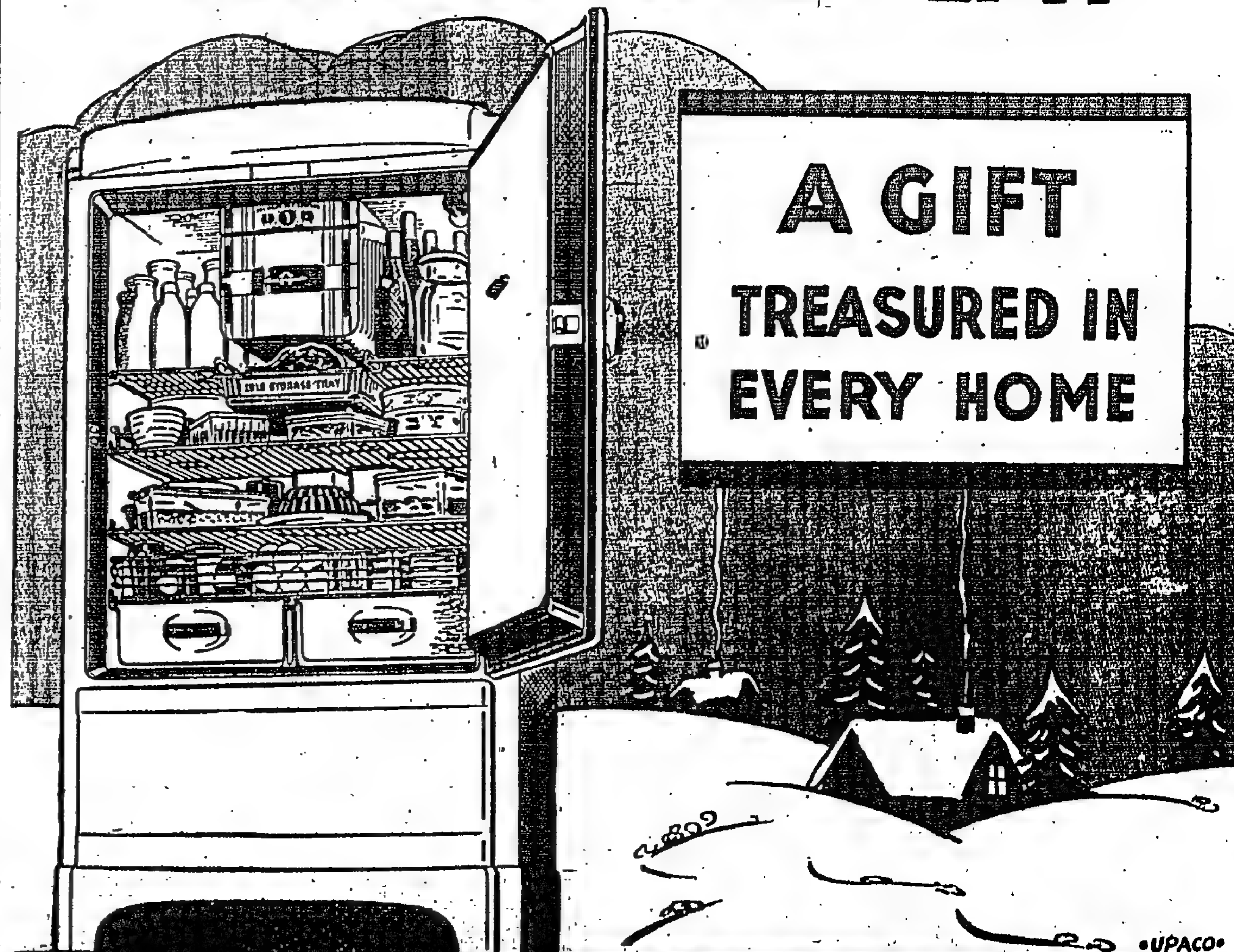


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GOLF CLUB MEETING

Mr. G. S. Archbutt Captain For Ensuing Year

Despite extensive repairs necessitated by the September typhoon, the Royal Hongkong Golf Club experienced a satisfactory financial year, besides effecting improvements in club houses and courses during the year, according to the Captain's report presented at the annual general meeting, held in the S. C. M. Post Board Room yesterday.

In the absence through indisposition of Mr. D. J. Gilmore, the Hon. Mr. E. Davidson was elected to the chair, and he read out the statement prepared by the Captain, as follows: Considering all things, I trust the year under review may be considered a satisfactory one, although you will observe from the statement of accounts that our working profit amounted to \$8,883.53 only, compared with \$18,084.23 in 1936. After allowing for the usual depreciation etc., the loss of \$3,331.65 was transferred to Reserve Account.

Club Accounts
Comparison with last year's figures in considering turnover is extremely difficult owing to the fall in exchange and the consequent increase in the price of imported goods. This is specially emphasised in our Trading Account where the turnover has increased by no less than \$20,000 while our profit under this heading has increased by \$1,400.04 only. This however is due in some slight measure to reductions in prices of drinks, etc.

The figures in Working Account are, however, not affected in quite the same manner, and here we find that receipts are up by \$2,410 due to an increase in subscriptions.

In Residents Subscriptions, however, there is a drop of \$1,351, whilst subscribers show an increase of \$2,701. It will be remembered that in the winter of 1934-35 we saw very little of the Royal Navy.

Ladies' subscriptions have also increased by \$1,105, whilst absent fees, always variable, have this year decreased by \$258.

The liquid assets of the Club have increased from \$81,245.55 to \$73,488.94, a gain of \$12,243.39. (These liquid assets do not include stocks of machinery, linen and crockery or payments in advance).

Building Fund

The Fanling Building Fund has increased by \$11,517.13. All shares held have been disposed of, and as fixed deposits fall in, these are transferred to a special account on which the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank pay us good interest.

Six members who left the Colony within one year of election had half their entrance fee (\$75 each) refunded.

The Junior Section continues to be very popular. It is at present considerably over strength, and there is a fairly long waiting list.

Expenditure on upkeep of courses shows an increase of no less than \$15,000 due chiefly to the extra expenditure on maintenance at Fanling, improvements on the Old Course, and repairs made necessary by damage caused by the typhoon.

The opening of the year found the alterations to the club houses nearly completed. Several small changes were subsequently made in the

Ladies' club house, and in the men's the bar was shifted once again. Electric heaters were installed in both club houses, and the increased comfort seems to be appreciated. Considerable expense was incurred during the year in replenishing our stock of crockery, cutlery, linen, etc.

Typhoon Damage

A new Fordson tractor was purchased, also a new spiking machine, both of which have proved satisfactory.

Whilst on this subject I might mention that the Club owes a great debt of gratitude to the Kowloon-Canton Railway and their Chief Mechanical Engineer, Mr. J. Smith, for undertaking repairs to tractors and machines—no small job.

The car park at the ladies' club house has been considerably increased; the one near the men's club house has at times proved inadequate and steps are being taken to enlarge it; at the same time I may say that a good many more cars could be accommodated on the present space. If owners would exercise a little more care in parking.

Damage caused by the typhoon was considerable, and accounts for about half the amount of \$9,103.68 appearing under the heading of repairs and renewals. The roof of the Deep Water Bay club house and other damage there have been repaired, and considerable improvements have been made in the kitchen and pantry.

The provision of nets to keep flies out of club houses seems to have been a good solution of a difficult problem. The club house has also been done up. This was Mr. Butterfield's last act of many years' grand service as Honorary Architect at Deep Water Bay. Before Mr. Butterfield sailed for home I took the opportunity of expressing to him in writing the Club's appreciation and thanks for the valuable service he had rendered during a long period of years. (Applause).

Dimples for Pimples

My predecessor Mr. Dodwell, in his speech a year ago, stated that he and the out-going Committee took special pride in accomplishing the removal of the pimples which had so long disfigured the fair face of the Old Course.

Gentlemen, we have gone one better in the beauty treatment and made its fair face smile with dimples, some of which cause a few of the greens almost to grin. (Laughter).

I have heard nothing but praise for the alterations which have been carried out in the Old Course, and our thanks are due to Mr. Lissaman as Convenor and the Greens Committee as a whole for their admirable work.

Mr. Lissaman put in a tremendous amount of time and work on these

RED CROSS CONTINGENT ARRIVES

To Be Entertained By Hongkong

A contingent of Chinese Volunteer Red Cross members arrived this morning on the J.C.I.L. steamer Tilsaroen from Java, together with their own ambulances and apparatus. They comprise four doctors and 11 helpers.

A reception committee, composed of Dr. C. Y. Woo, representative of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Percy Yuen, Mr. Eugene Chen, the former Foreign Minister for China, and Messrs. Oei Kang-Uwan, Lim Chow-wai and Tam Hong-II were on hand to greet them.

The arrivals will be the guests of honour at a dinner at the Kwan Chow Restaurant this evening. Among those invited to attend are Madam Sun Fo, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. David Au, Manager of the Kwangtung Bank, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, Dr. Li Shu-pui, Dr. Woerden, Consul General for the Netherlands, Mr. D. G. E. Mitchell-Burg, Vice-Consul, Mr. Alfred Morris, Director of the local branch of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Professor Gerrard, of the Hongkong University and Dr. Arthur Woo.

Improvements, and I can only trust that he will have the opportunity and be willing to carry on the good work on the New Course during the coming year.

I should not like to pass this subject without paying a tribute to Mr. Hitchens for the efficient manner and the rapidity with which the work was carried out. It reflects great credit to him that play was in no way inconvenienced and at the same time the courses were kept in excellent condition. I can safely say that never have our courses at Fanling been in better condition than they are now. (Applause).

Our reciprocal arrangements with the Tungshan Recreation Club had to be terminated owing to that Club being wound up.

Ladies' Subscriptions

The Coronation Cup produced a very large number of entries and resulted in a substantial sum being forwarded to the Children's Play Grounds Association; in addition individual members subscribed generously to this worthy cause.

The co-operation of the Committee of the Ladies' Section has been much appreciated and their suggestions, always warmly welcomed, have done much for the comfort of those using the ladies' club. (Applause).

Mr. R. H. B. Hancock seconded, and said that considering the difficulties experienced during the year and the typhoon damage, the report and accounts were very satisfactory. In view of the facilities, he did not think an extension of the ladies' subscriptions would be a hardship, and it would substantially benefit the Club.

He was glad to note the smallness

China's Women Fliers Can Help In War

Noted Aviatrix To Rest In Colony

China's most famous aviatrix, Miss Lee Ya-ching, daughter of Mr. Lee Ching of Hongkong, arrived in the Colony this morning on board the Lloyd Triestino liner Victoria, from Shanghai. An executive member of the Citizen's Emergency Auxiliaries, she has been actively engaged in patriotic work in Shanghai, and organised and conducted the 24th branch Red Cross Hospital in Jessfield Road.

After a brief rest in Hongkong, Miss Lee will continue patriotic work in South China for the Auxiliaries which have been invited to co-operate with the Kwangtung authorities with reference to transport for the medical services.

Miss Lee firmly believes that women fliers can be very useful in China during war-time, particularly in the interior. Operating from Chungking (the present capital) or from any other centre, she says that women pilots could fly medical supplies to the war front or to where they are needed.

Trained in Geneva, and in the Boeing School of Aeronautics in the United States, Miss Lee has flown over all the air lines in China. She also holds a local "B" certificate.

of the "bad debts" account. The prize money system seemed to be working well with the caddies, and in this connection he had found they reacted better to sympathetic treatment than harsh words.

The official of the Club had given good service throughout the year, and he wished to thank them heartily on behalf of all members. (Applause).

The report and accounts were adopted.

Officials Elected

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Robertson, Mr. G. S. Archbutt was elected Captain for the ensuing year.

The following Committee was elected: Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. F. J. de Rome, Mr. I. H. Geare, Mr. D. J. Gilmore, M.C., Mr. A. E. Lissaman, Mr. J. A. D. Morrison, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. H. H. Mundy, and Mr. R. Young.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,500 per annum.

This concluded the business of the meeting, Mr. R. M. McLeay proposing a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee, and for the loan of the Board Room.

Those present included: Messrs. K. S. Robertson, K. S. Morrison, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie, D. S. Robb, and Col. E. D. Matthews (Secretary).

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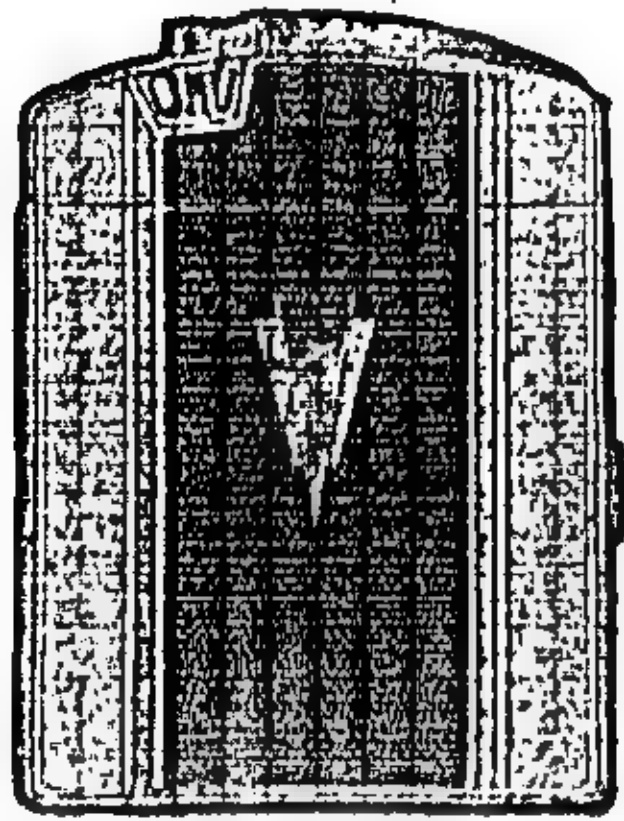
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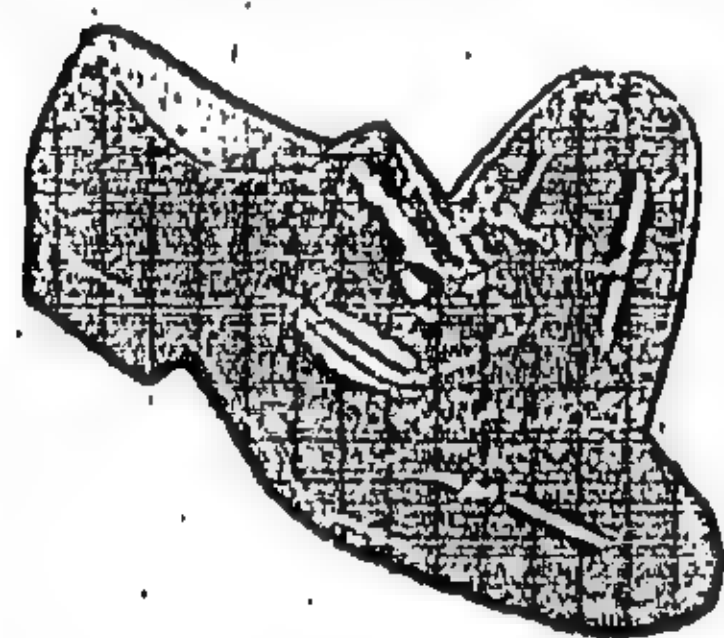
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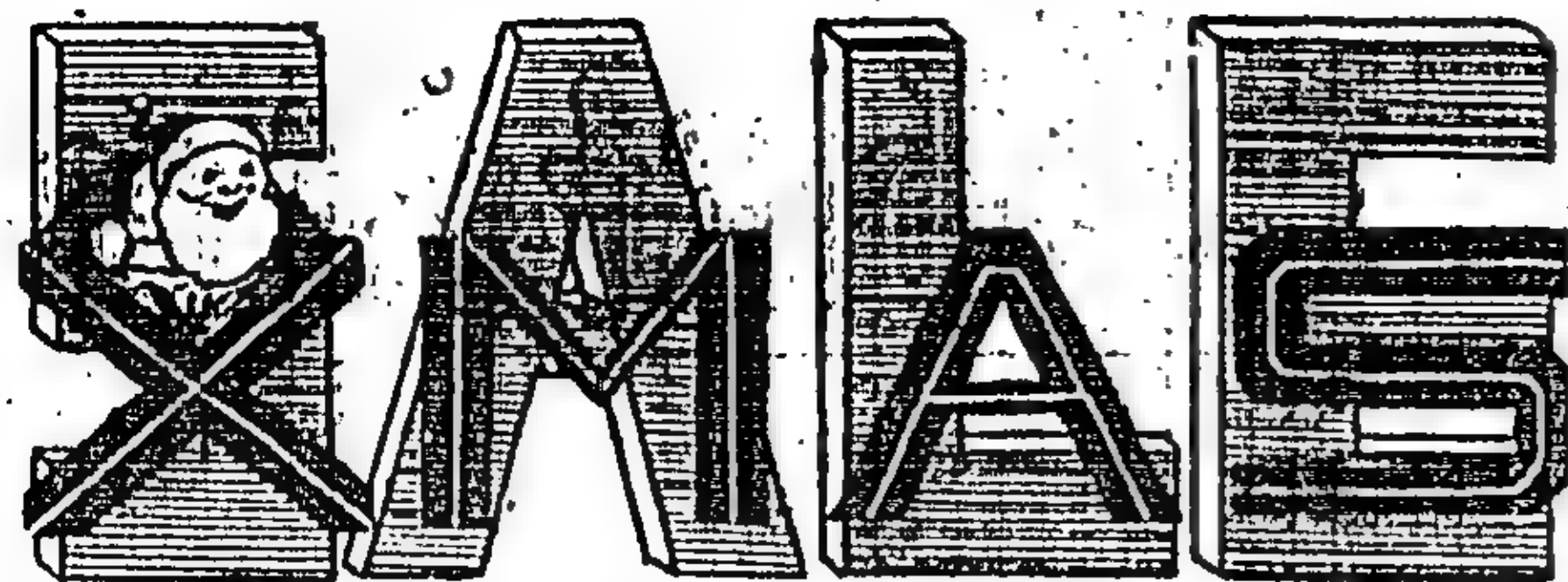
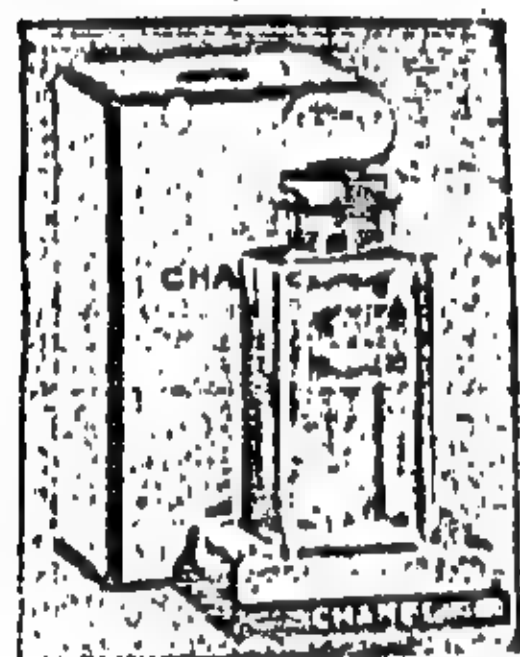
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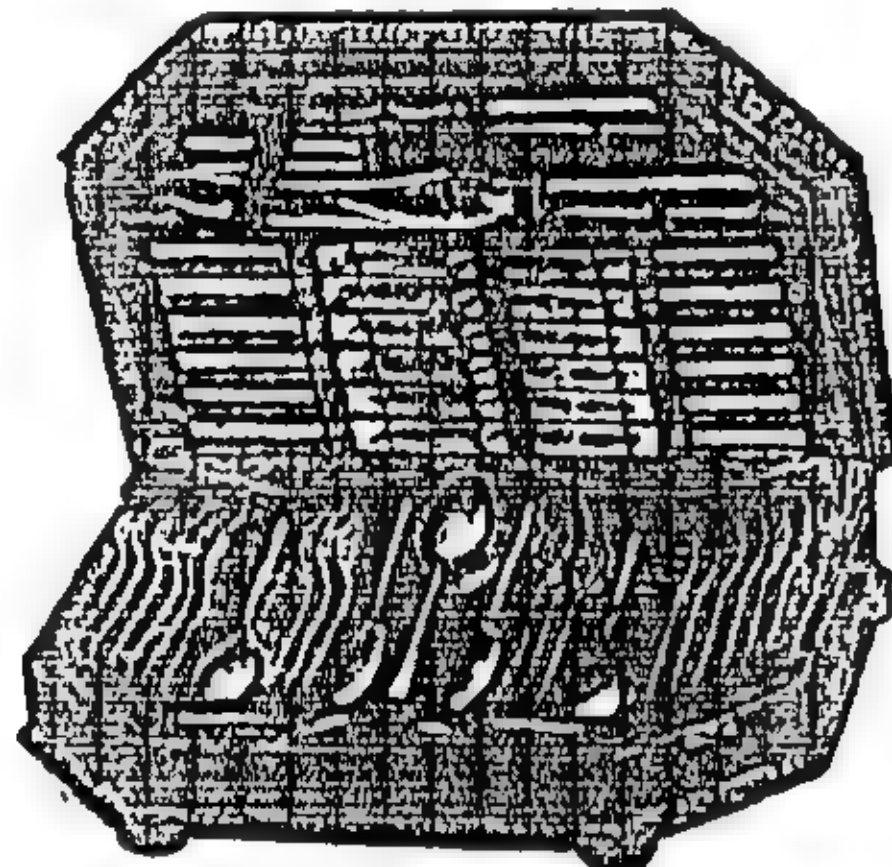


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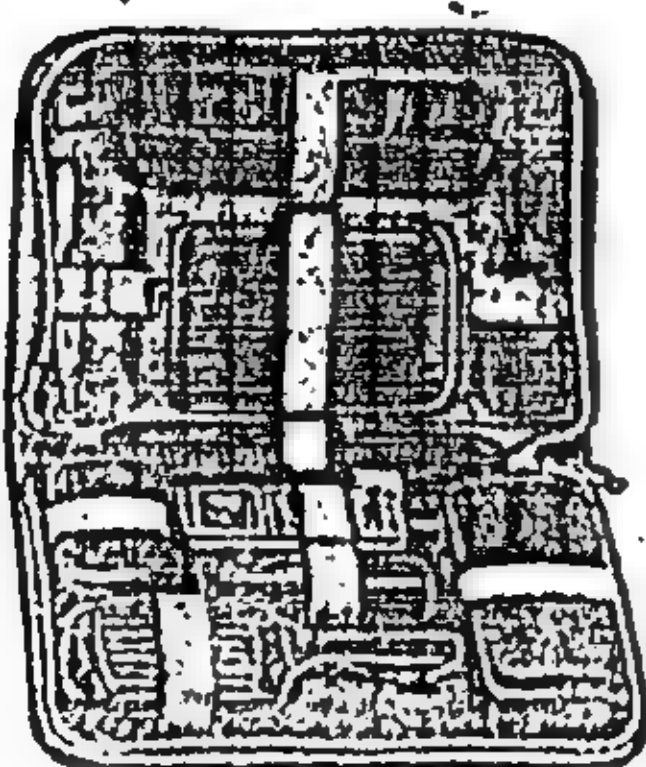


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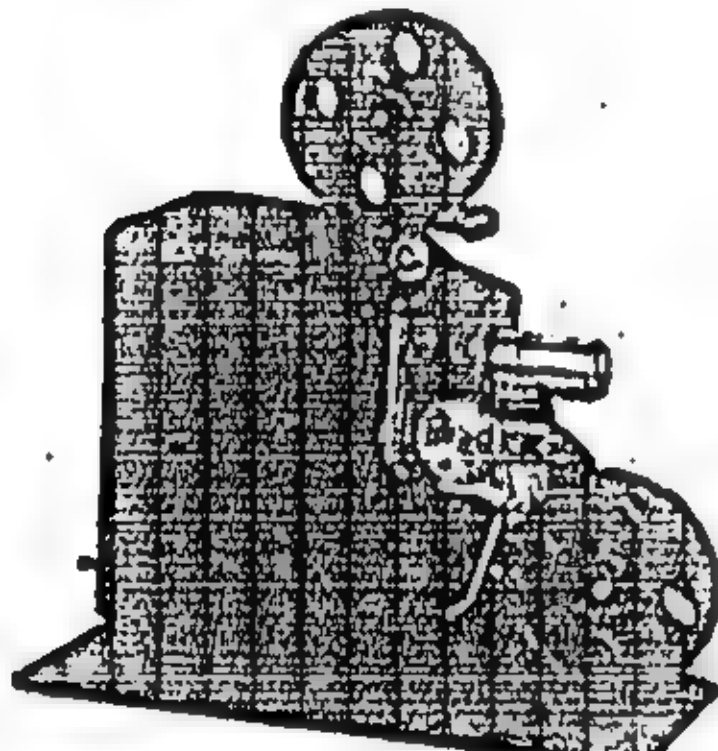
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GRIPPING TALE OF PANAY'S LOSS

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and boarded the Panay six miles
down river.

"The launches suddenly began
machine-gunning, which was the last
straw. We were certain that the
Japanese soldiers were attacking us
and all scattered into the kaoliang,
flattening down. I was in the great-
est terror I had felt as I was cer-
tain that the soldiers were surround-
ing the party in order to wipe it
out. The others felt the same.

"However the soldiers actually
boarded the Panay for a short time
and then steamed up stream. We
re-appeared and watched the Panay
heel over to starboard and sink to
the accompaniment of several explo-
sions.

FURTHER ATTACKS

"The party attempted to organise
and collect the wounded men, when
the terrifying sound of returning
planes was heard and bombs shock-
ed our nerves. We watched two
planes dive in a thoroughly leisure
manner and bomb the Mei Hsia and
Mei Ping on the south bank setting
them on fire.

"We gave up Marshall and the
eight scamen aboard for dead. Then
the plane soared above us. This
time I was ashamed of our former
cowardice and stood by aided in
carrying the blankets. Captain
Hughes was taken to cover by the
bombers, who were bogged up to
their knees. They were trembling
with every step as the planes came
low and flew over them, expecting
to be machine-gunned.

"This performance was repeated
later when three planes flew over
the south bank. We heard repeat-
ed distant bombing and guessed that
they were attacking the Cricket,
Seabird and others.

"The scattered company was
frozen against a line of small Stan-
dard Oil boats, which the Japanese
troops had picked up on the south
bank and carried down river in front
of us all.

"We were very grateful for the
coming night, when Captain Hughes
requested Captain Roberts to take
over command and began assembling
scouts, who reported that we were
on an island but the Chinese mess
boy soon found a village called
Hokou, from where Paxton and Wis-
ler left for Holsien.

"They secured the co-operation of
the magistrate and the police tele-
phoned an American missionary at
Anking asking him to relay to Mr.
Nelson T. Johnson brief news of the
Panay's sinking. Paxton went to
Anking by ricksha in order to en-
sure getting help.

FOUND WOUNDED

"I then went down river with two
scamen attempting to find a doctor
and half a mile away stumbled on
three doubled-up forms lying pros-
trate in the moonlit clearing. These
were Kozak, Ziegler and Schroyer,
who were among the first wounded
to be landed and given medical at-
tention. They were all moaning
softly, tortured with pain and cold
and begging for water. Two scamen
returned to the Panay to get water
and more blankets while I remain-
ed.

"Ziegler and Kozak were bleeding
again, their quilts being red at the
head and foot. This scene was re-
peated throughout. Those who were
not wounded found relief to their
own jagged nerves in aiding the
dozen or 14 worst cases. Several
naval men were considerably wound-
ed although they did not speak about
their wounds or show them in their
desire to assist.

"After four hours of laborious
work, the task of gathering up and
putting the wounded on the aban-
doned launch was completed. We
and the coolies, towed it up river
and unloaded the cases to stretchers.
The Chinese furnishing flat beds
from their houses—and proceeded to
Hokou where there were a handful
of thatched huts for rice and wine.
The Chinese police, troops and the
magistrate at Holsien, Mr. Wang,
who is a Syracuse graduate, were
most helpful.

"That three-four five-mile hike to
Holsien with Barzini and I accom-

panying the stretcher-borne Sandri
and Anders at Roberts' direction and
we hiked five miles up river, glad-
ly and the three native thatched huts
serving as a hospital. Ensigner
died on Monday at 3 a.m. and Sandri
at 1 p.m. Atcheson worked untir-
ingly and before snatching some
sleep eventually got a message
through to the Ambassador, by the
courtesy of the Chinese military au-
thorities. The whole company drop-
ped to the floor in the inns and
slept in their clothes, mostly with-
out any covering.

HIKE UP RIVER

"We were overjoyed to learn that
Marshall and others were safe and
we hiked five miles up river gladly,
though with apprehension of gun
fire in view of Holt's experience
while landing in the middle of Sino-
Japanese engagement, while Jap-
anese launches were bearing would-
be rescuers and attempting to go up
the canal.

"Our reception aboard the gun-
boats was very warm and heart-
stirring. Then MacDonald, Soong,
Barzini and myself decided not to
file eye-witness accounts of the affair
before reaching Shanghai, due to the
necessity of aiding the party busy
filling a list of dead and wounded.

"Going down river it was notable
that there were Sino-Japanese en-
gagements in the vicinity of the
smoking ruins of Nanking, the
sound of these being great torture
to all the survivors of the Panay
disaster.

"This story has been written
aboard the Bee, Ladybird and Onbu
in very crowded conditions, type-
writers being scarce. I have been
sleeping on deck, the floor and a
table respectively, being very glad
that the adventure is ending.

MORE RAIDS

"I was luckier than some of the
others and shared a Chinese bed with
the Squires. We awoke in broad sun-
light and found the ancient city most
apprehensive against Japanese at-
tack owing to the presence of the
Americans, and the Chinese authori-
ties requested us—unnecessarily—to
remain under cover during the air
raids, of which there were three or
four heartbreaking ones during the
morning.

"Foot-blistered, wearied and a
doomed feeling creeping over them,
the Panay survivors streamed out to
breakfast, buying up native cakes to
the accompaniment of hundreds of
sympathetic housewives buying
quilts, medicines and socks, some
visiting the wounded and attempting
to soothe the poor chaps who were
trembling, particularly when Japane-
se planes dived down and flew low
over the hospital several times in
the afternoon. Roberts and Atcheson
and officers decided that the Japane-
se fliers were hostilely seeking the
survivors and postponed the 20-mile
junk journey to Hanshan until night-
fall when tedious loading up by
coolies was resumed.

"The decision of Roberts was note-
worthy, reflecting the fears of the
Panay survivors in view of Mr.
Johnson's instructions to remain at
Holsien until they were picked up.
Six open junks in which the Panay
party were cramped up freezing
reached Hanshan at dawn where
friendly peasants in the outskirts sold
food. The party, after a two-mile
hike reached the Catholic Mission
compound where the uniting At-
cheson soon broke the joyous news
that British and American boats had
arrived at Holsien and were await-
ing the return of the Panay sur-
vivors. This put new life into them
and they took to the junks again at
daylight and arrived at 10 p.m.
They found the landing place swarm-
ing with the welcome sight of Ameri-
can and British sailors from the
Oahu, Ladybird and Bee. Sand-
wiches were awaiting them. I grasp-
ed Rear-Admiral Holt's hand and
learned that the Britishers had
thought that I was dead owing to the
report of Marshall and James (Jim
Marshall, one of those badly wound-
ed)."—United Press.

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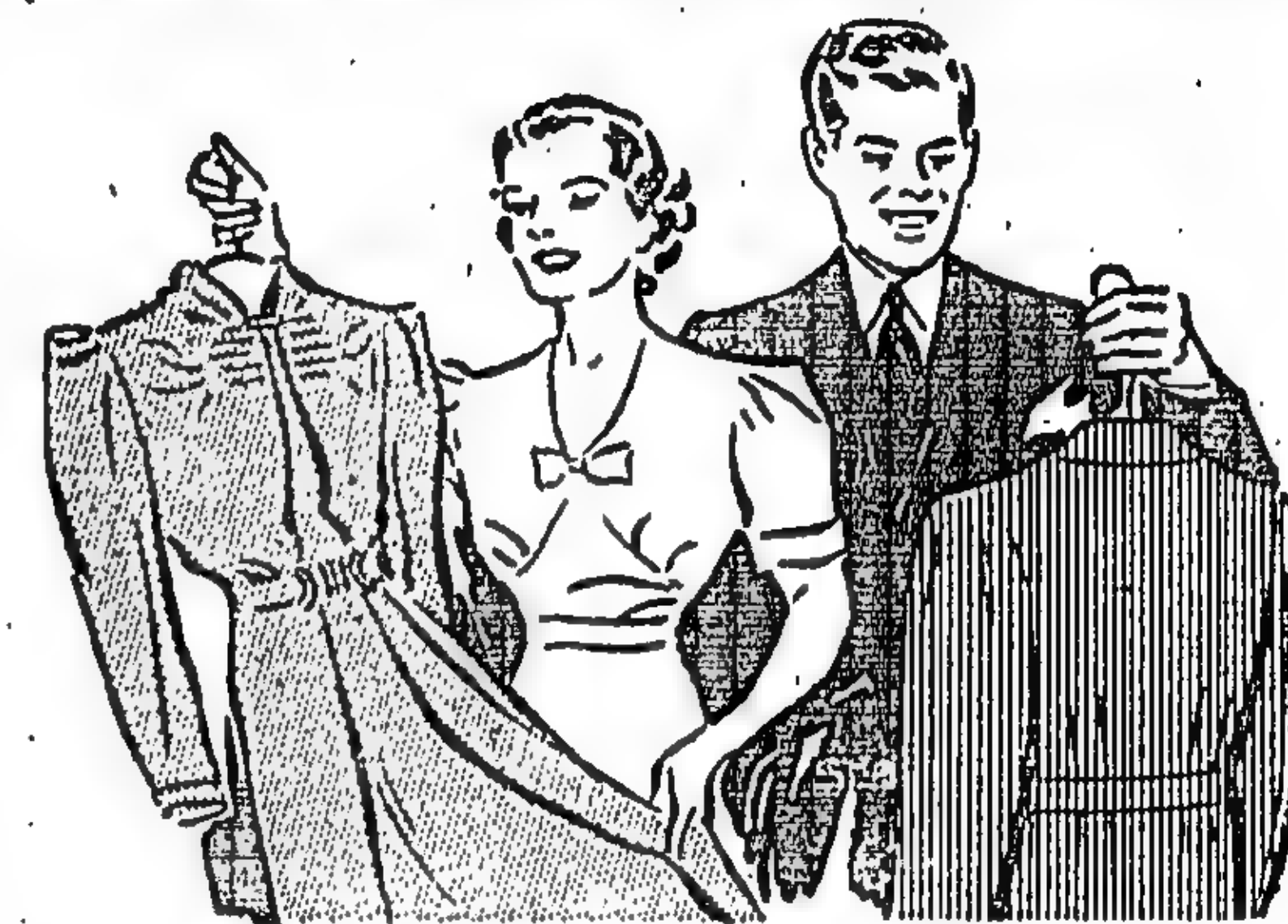
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NEW DEAL SLATED

FEELING OF INSECURITY AND FEAR IN U.S.

Chicago, Dec. 18.

In a speech to the Economic Club here to-day, Mr. Herbert Hoover jokingly observed, "I can wholly object to this depression because certainly I did not create it."

He said that the most imperative need during the present recession was "the relief of the pressures which stagnate billions of dollars in home construction and millions of jobs." He described the New Deal's programme of economy as having the central idea of shifting "the Government from the function of umpire to the function of directing, dictating, and competing in our economic life," resulting in "a feeling of insecurity and fear."

He accused the New Deal with "increasingly controlling prices, wages, the volume of production and investment. The Government's weapons include managed currency, credit interest rates and huge expenditures, a pump priming the inflation of bank deposits. He charged that "every plan in life is based on Washington" from which the insecurity arises.

He offered an alternative system "of philosophy of Government and economics." Firstly, he said, the main anchor of our civilisation must be intellectual and spiritual liberty. Secondly, the improvement of machines to eliminate waste and achieve maximum production and co-operation of groups and sections outside the Government and with the Government. Thirdly, to compel competition among large corporations and business concerns, and fourthly to enmesh the economic and social gears to eliminate poverty and the fear of it.—United Press.

MOVEMENT WRECKED

Congressional Coalition Scheme Suggested

Washington, Dec. 18. Republican suspicion has apparently wrecked a movement for a formal Republican-Democratic Congressional Coalition for the purpose of swinging the administration into more conservative channels. Mr. Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, and other Republicans and

SHIP SENDS OUT APPEAL

BUT GETS NOTHING FROM BRITAIN

Tangier, Dec. 17. The French freighter Sydney has wireless as follows:

"Attacked by Spanish warship one mile south-west of Europa Point. We have gone towards Ceuta and want help from a British destroyer."

The naval authorities at Gibraltar state that the Sydney was not attacked but merely stopped and questioned by insurgent trawlers. No British warships went to her assistance.

It is understood the Sydney continued her voyage.—Reuter.

Senators have refused to join and left the movement. Its heads are said to be mostly Democrats. None would admit a sponsorship of the movement.—United Press.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Washington, Dec. 18.

President Franklin Roosevelt has proposed that Congress amend the Social Security Act to allow States which are late in passing State compensation acts to make earlier payment towards unemployment benefits.—United Press.

FINANCIAL BILLS

Washington, Dec. 17.

Mr. Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has revealed that he is preparing a measure to authorise the Commodity Credit Corporation to borrow directly from the public under Government guarantee instead of borrowing from R. F. C. funds.

He is also preparing another bill to cancel from the Treasury's books the sum of \$2,075,000,000 unrecoverable R.F.C. assets.

He said it was merely book-keeping and did not affect the Public Debt deficit.—United Press.

REPUBLICAN OFFICERS

St. Louis, Dec. 17.

It is reliably learned that the Republican Executive Committee has chosen Mr. Glenn Frank, ex-President of Wisconsin University, to be Chairman of the Programme Committee which will draft the declaration of Republican principles.—United Press.

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LET'S SEE, THERE'S:—

DADDY:— HE GETS A TOOL KIT—HE ISN'T MUCH USE AROUND THE HOUSE WITH ONLY A SCREW-DRIVER AND A HAMMER.



THE NIECE:— WE DON'T KNOW IF KISSING WILL MAKE HAIR GROW, BUT SHE MUST GET SOMETHING FOR TRYING.



JEAN:— 'RECENTLY MARRIED'... SHE GETS A COOK BOOK—AND BOY, SHE NEEDS IT!... BUT, HER GIVE HER TWO.



THE LITTLE WOMAN:—

SHE'S AFRAID SHE'S GOING TO GET A NEW VACUUM CLEANER. "WITH LOVE AND KISSES"—IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW THE SO-CALLED BANK ACCOUNT LOOKS. OH SURE SHE'LL GET SOMETHING.



DAUGHTER:— SHE WANTS A SPORT ROADSTER... SHE'LL DO WITH LESS—MUCH LESS.

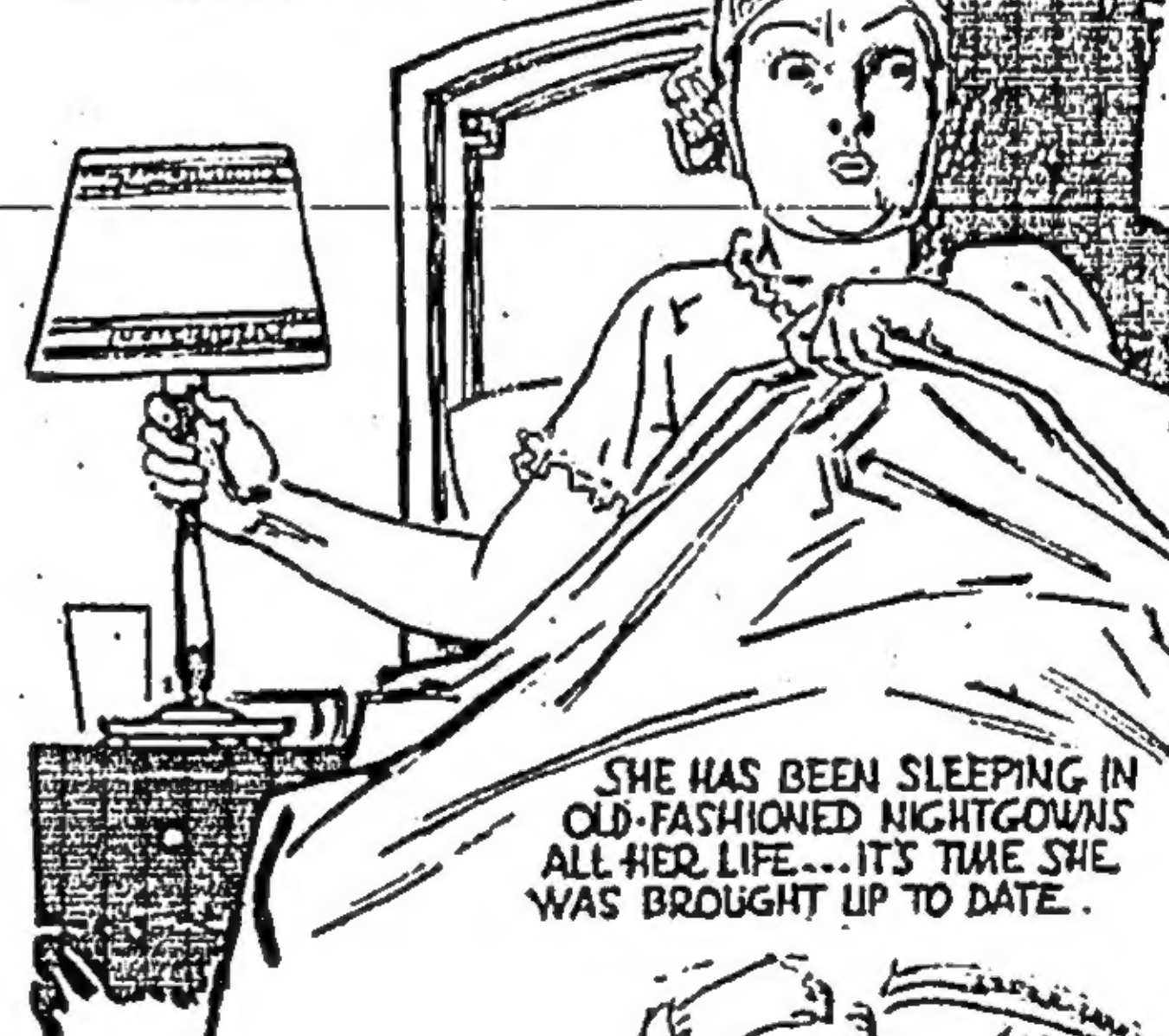


JUNIOR:—

HE EXPECTS A COWBOY SUIT, COMPLETE WITH RIFLE, REVOLVER AND SKINNING KNIFE. OH YES, AND A COMPASS.



AUNT MARIAN:— A SUIT OF PYJAMAS FOR HER.



SHE HAS BEEN SLEEPING IN OLD-FASHIONED NIGHTGOWNS ALL HER LIFE... IT'S TIME SHE WAS BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

AUNT AGNES:— FOR HER A BOOK—MYSTERY STORY WELL SPRINKLED WITH MURDERS... SHE LIKES 'EM GORY.



MARY:— A BOOK WOULD DO FOR HER, IF IT WASN'T FOR THE FACT THAT SHE HAS NO TIME FOR READING... AND DOESN'T HAVE TO GO TO BOOKS FOR ROMANCE.



UNCLE JOE:—

HE GETS A PAIR OF SUSPENDERS... THAT'S WHAT HE NEEDS SOMETHING TO TAKE UP THE SLACK.



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Sabiha Gecik, adopted daughter of President Kemal Ataturk of Turkey, is known as the "Flying Amazon." She holds a military flying certificate and distinguished herself with the Turkish air force during the Tunceli uprising.



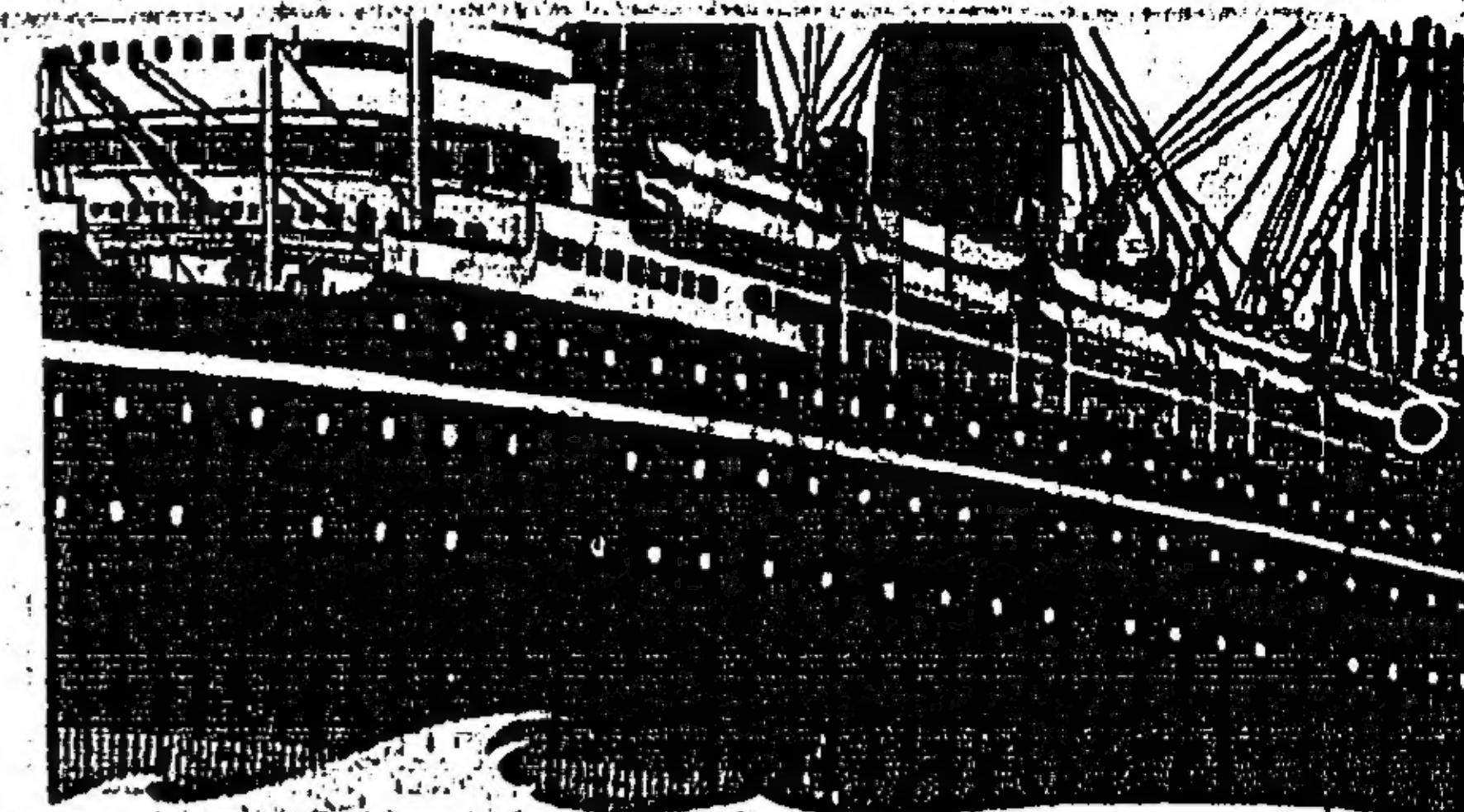
Sir Robert Hodgson, whose reported appointment as the first British agent to Rebel Spain caused much speculation throughout Britain. The move was said to have been to safeguard British lives and trade interests among insurgents.



It is difficult to say who is looking the more proud and distinguished, the rider or his camel. This old Indian Rajput landowner with picturesque beard makes long travels on his camel.



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*KIDDERPORE	5,000	15th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf.
*CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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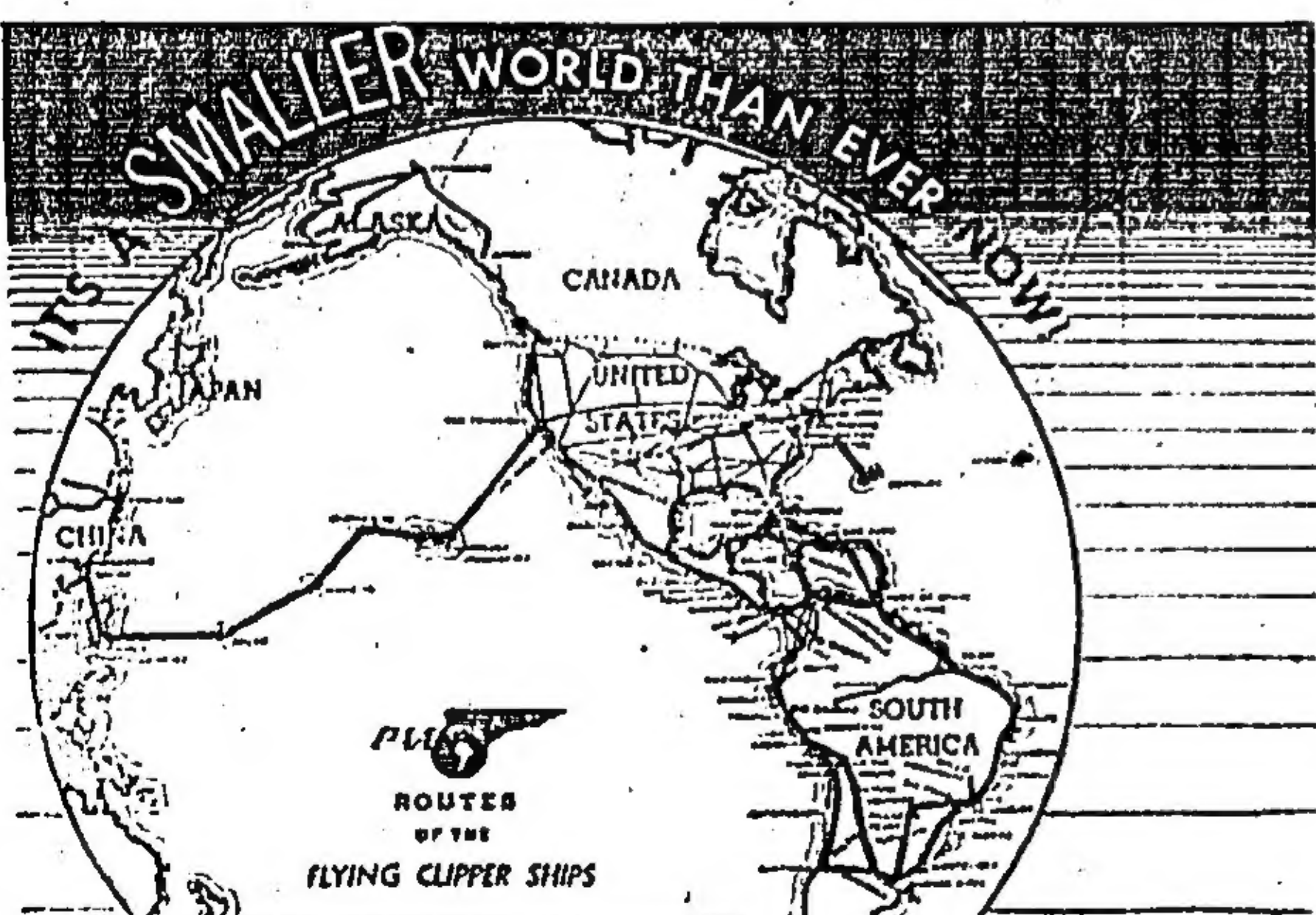
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SHIRALA	8,000	6th Jan.	Amoy & Japan.
CHITRAL	15,000	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
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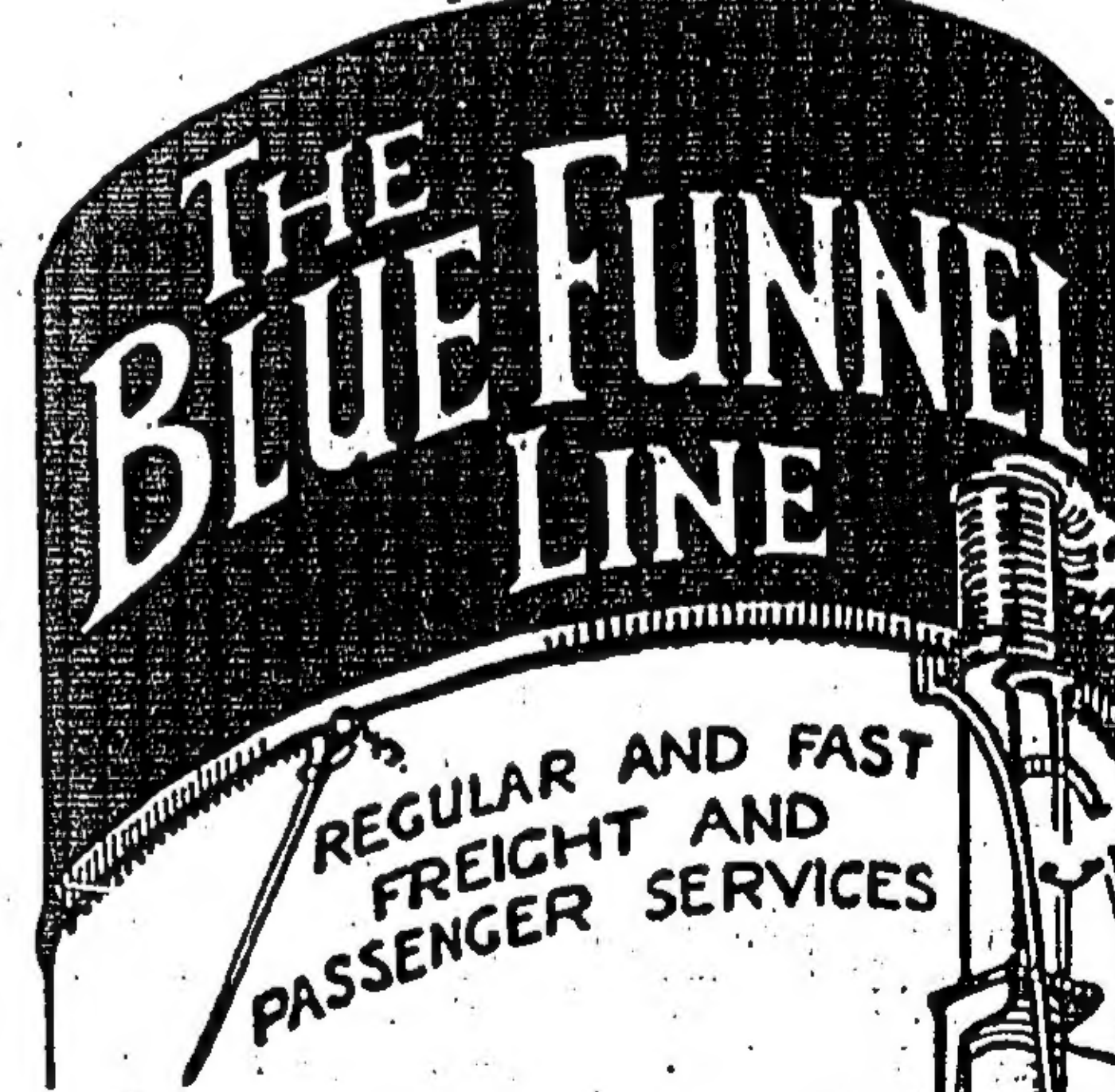
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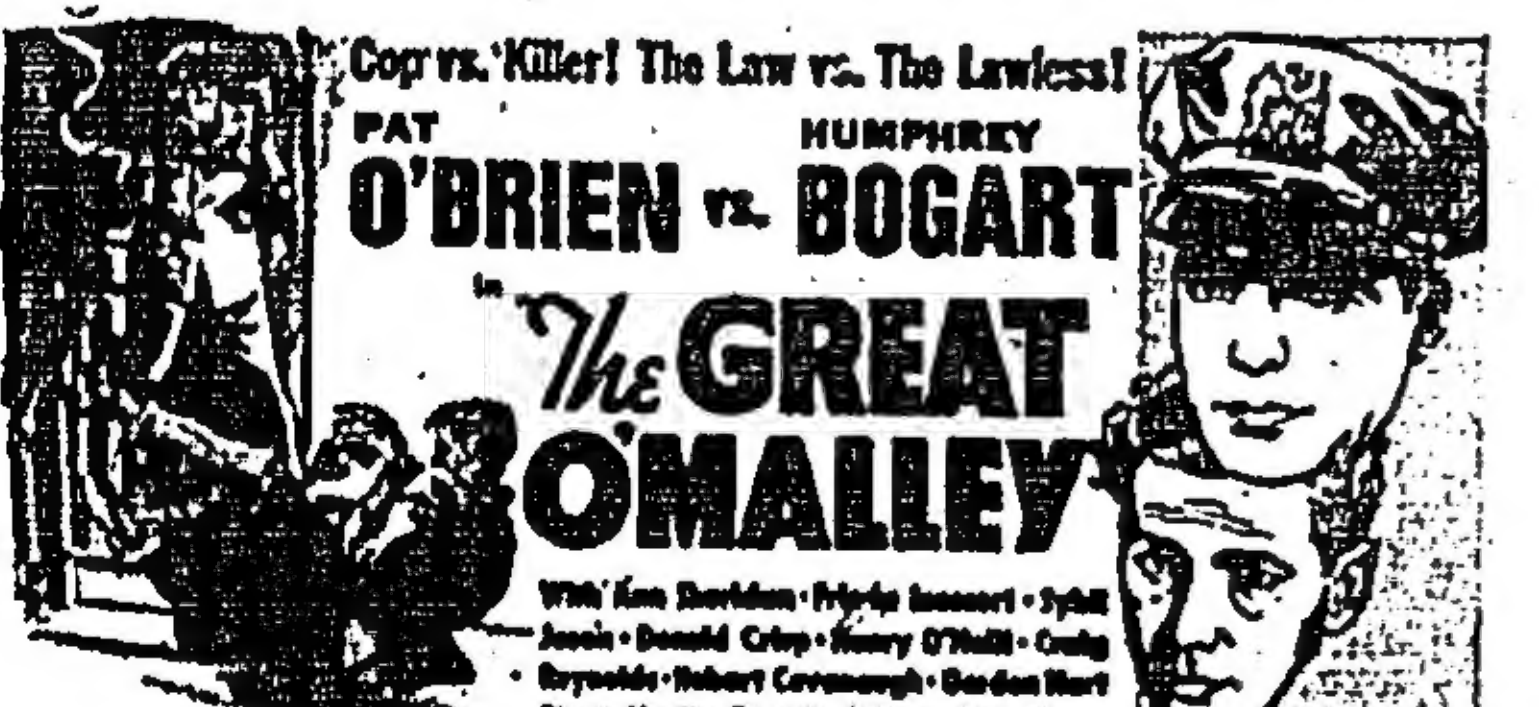
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GAMES EVENING TO BE HELD

A Bridge and Mahjong Drive will be held on Monday, January 17, at 3 p.m., in the Peninsula Hotel in aid of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

I.E. The Governor Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote have intimated their desire to be present. Tickets for this function (\$1.50) may be had from Mrs. J. T. Smalley, 51 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon. Anyone booking a table should notify Mrs. Smalley, so that the table may be numbered and identified with that person's name. Those in charge of tables should also bring his or her own playing cards, or mahjong sets. It is anticipated that a humorous auction will terminate the proceedings.

MANY HOMELESS FROM FLOODS

7,000 IN ITALY NEED ASSISTANCE

Rome, Dec. 17. Seven thousand people are now homeless or dependent on public assistance as a result of the floods in the suburbs of Rome, due to nine days of heavy rain.

Several people were drowned in the Rome provinces, and the River Tiber is now 34 feet above normal level. Water has covered the arches of the Milvio Bridge and is level with the roadway. Crowds are watching from the banks to see if the bridge will fall. Part of the city is under water causing big delays in the train service. Firemen in boats rescued 200 dogs from the Rome Municipal Lost Dog Home just before water overwhelmed the kennels. Many acres of land are swamped, grain destroyed and many sheep and cattle drowned. —Reuter's Special.

WARSHIPS TO VISIT HERE

Macao, Dec. 16. Early in the coming week the first-class sloop Bartholomew Dias, under the command of Commander F. Ribeiro, and the second-class sloop Goncalo Velho, in the command of Commander H. O. Pinto, will be leaving Macao on a visit to Hongkong.

The two Portuguese men-of-war arrived from Lisbon a few months ago. The Bartholomew Dias having been here since late October and the Goncalo Velho preceding it by about a month.

Both vessels will remain in Hongkong for three or four days before returning to Macao. —Our Own Correspondent.

NO RESTRICTION ON FIREWORKS FOR HALF HOUR

Regulations prohibiting the use of fireworks in Hongkong will be suspended on New Year's Eve for half an hour.

The Colonial Secretary's Department announces that fireworks (other than unlawful fireworks) may be left off without police interference between 11.45 p.m. on December 31 and 12.15 a.m. on January 1.

Hongkong Chinese will be able to celebrate the passing of the old year for half an hour without hindrance. Then, at 12.15 a.m., sharp, the heavy hand of the law will once again descend.

OFFICER OBTAINS DIVORCE

A divorce case of interest to naval circles in Hongkong was heard in the Divorce Court in London on December 6, when Mr. Justice Langton granted a decree nisi to Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Alan Colquhoun Burnett, of Portsmouth, and late of H.M.S. Terror II in Singapore.

DIPLOMATS DISCUSS BOMBING

But Saito Brings No Communication To Washington

Two Wounded In Bad Plight

Washington, Dec. 17. The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Hiroshi Saito, discussed the Panay affair with Mr. Cordell Hull to-day, but said he had not brought a specific communication from the Japanese Government.

Admiral Yarnell reported to the Navy Department that the condition of two of the sailor wounded during the bombing of the Panay was critical. The condition of three others was serious and the condition of six others favourable. —Reuter.

Admiral Mitsunami Recalled

Tokyo, Dec. 17. It is confirmed here that Rear-Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, who has been in charge of the Japanese air force in China waters, has been recalled in connection with the Panay incident. —Reuter.

M.G. SIGNALS AT DINNER

Subsections "A" and "B" of the Machine Gun Signals, H.K.V.D.C. held an informal dinner at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday evening. Every member of the unit was present and some thirty-five men sat down to dinner.

In the course of a speech, the O.C., Lt. A. N. Braude, emphasised the valuable work done by the unit during combined operations in the spring. The experience gained during the four days in the field was the equivalent, in his opinion, of six months training on the parade ground at Headquarters.

The enthusiasm at Camp, this year, proved that it was a very necessary part of the Volunteer Training programme, and he could trace a dropping off in keenness, in other units as well, to the lack of camp in 1936. However, the M.G. Signals had been lucky inasmuch as week-end camp had been arranged at Whitfield Barracks.

In welcoming the number of new men to the unit, Lt. Braude emphasised the need for more recruits, particularly for the European Despatch Riding Subsection. He felt that if this branch were more widely known to the motorcycling fans in the Colony, there would be no difficulty in bringing this subsection up to full strength.

In the course of the evening, several films were shown on a projector belonging to Sgt. King. These included the Coronation procession and ceremony and the Naval Review at Spithead.

STOP PRESS NEWS

New Water Pipes For Harbour

Recommendations contained in a Report on the Water Supply of Hongkong, tabled in Legislative Council last April, are being put in hand by Government with one radical alteration.

Instead of adopting the recommendation for the construction of a new 18-inch harbour pipe-line, at an estimated cost of \$200,000, Government has decided to construct two 21-inch mains across the harbour bed, at a much greater cost.

Notice of proposal to construct the new pipe-lines is contained in this morning's Government Gazette. Work has already commenced on dredging the harbour bed to take the lines, which will be laid down slightly to the westward of the existing pipe-lines.

As soon as the new 21-inch mains are completed, the existing lines will be abandoned.

Examination early this year by a P.W.D. diver revealed that the 12-inch pipeline laid across the harbour in 1929-30 has practically reached the limit of its useful life. Corrosion has so affected the metal that in the event of a fracture of the pipeline it is doubtful if reinstatement could be effected. Serious corrosion has also taken place in the existing 18-inch main. The mainland makes a considerable contribution to the City's water needs, and the importance of the security of cross-harbour pipelines is recognised to such an extent by Government that it has decided to secure adequate supplies for many years to come by laying down two new 21-inch mains. Instead of one 18-inch pipeline, as recommended.

The Report tabled in Legislative Council last April revealed that any damage to existing pipe-lines across the harbour would leave the island in a serious position. These lines, it was stated, form a vulnerable section of the Island's "lines of communication."

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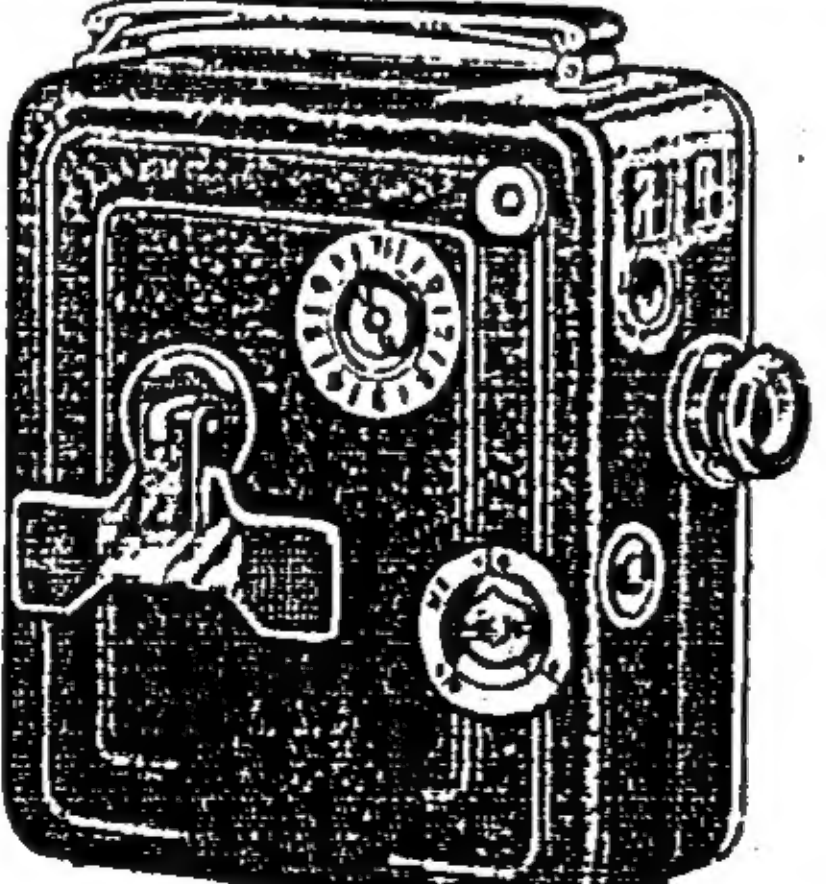


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